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## Biochemist Joins Auburn as the Executive VP

A University of Arkansas biochemist, Dr. George H. Emert, has been named executive vice president of Auburn. He will assume his new duties on May 17 after assisting with the completion by his students of their doctoral and master's research and dissertations for the May graduation at the University of Arkansas.

"I am most pleased that George Emert has agreed to join the administration at Auburn. He is a talented administrator with industry and university experience and will add immeasurably to the structure necessary for a smooth-running university," said President James E. Martin. "One of Dr. Emert's initial responsibilities will be to work with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in addressing some recent problems mentioned in the SACS report. Other duties will include administering a committee on administrative organization and long-range planning.

Dr. Emert has served for the past five years as professor of biochemistry and director of the Biomass Research Center at the University of Arkansas. His responsibilities have included direction of the research, development, and evaluation of obtaining chemicals or liquid fuels from renewable sources. He has also been involved in teaching and public service involving the uses of biomass and derivatives.

He organized and was named chairman



Dr. George H. Emert



**AUBURN'S FIRST FAMILY**—The children of President and Mrs. James E. Martin were in Auburn for the inauguration of their father as Auburn's fourteenth president and posed with their parents for a family portrait. The Martin children are, from left, daughter Jill, son Bill, and son Mike. *Alumnews* inaugural coverage begins on page 15.

of the University of Arkansas Institutional Biosafety Committee for Recombinant DNA Research in 1983. For the past three years, Dr. Emert served as an editorial board member of the Science Information Liaison Office of the Arkansas Legislature.

The new Auburn vice president received his bachelor's degree in zoology at the University of Colorado in 1962, his master's degree at Colorado State University in 1970, and his doctorate in biochemistry nutrition at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1973.

Dr. Emert worked with the Gulf Oil Corporation for five years after receiving his doctorate, administering its Biochemical Technology Grants program with universities. In 1977-79, he was on the faculty at the University of Kansas. He currently serves as a director of United Bio-Fuel Industries, Inc. Additionally, he has served as a consultant to private companies as

well as foreign countries with respect to chemicals production from renewable resources.

Mrs. Emert (Billie) and three of their four children, Laney, 15, Laurie, 12, and Jamie, 6, will be moving to Auburn after school ends in the spring. Debra, their 21-year-old daughter, is working in Michigan.

## Economics Dept. Ranks 42 in US

According to a ranking made in an article in the prestigious *American Economics Review*, Auburn's Department of Economics ranks 42nd in the country. The ranking is based on research papers published between 1978-1983 and considers 240 colleges and universities. Auburn's ranking is a significant increase over the 1974-1978

survey when the department rated 88th. Auburn was not included in earlier rankings.

In the years used for the most recent evaluation, 18 of 23 faculty members were active in research, combining their expertise in different disciplines to co-author some of the papers according to Department Head Robert F. Hebert. No grant funds supported the research that appeared on 369 pages in 24 of the nation's most respected economics journals. Among the topics of faculty papers are labor economics, public finance, anti-trust activities, government regulations, and the structure of particular markets.

Only six Southern schools rank ahead of Auburn's economics department, most of them much older than Auburn's department. "Their reputations have been built up over a long period and include North Carolina, ranked 22; Virginia, 25; Texas A&M, 26; Virginia Tech, 28; Florida, 32; and Duke, 40," according to Dr. Hebert.



## Search Begins for Academic VP

President James E. Martin has appointed a committee to find a vice president for academic affairs. "We are looking for that very exceptional person having broad-based experience in the administration of comprehensive academic programs," Dr. Martin said, "someone committed to the highest quality instruction, research, and service; a person who understands university governance and can work with the administration and faculty to strengthen Auburn's total academic program."

Dr. Martin has said that applications will be sought nationwide as well as from within the university. He named 11 faculty members, two academic staff members, one non-academic staff member, a member of the Cooperative Extension Service staff, three academic deans, and two students to the search committee.

Chaired by Mary Lou Purcell, head of the Department of Family and Child Development, the committee includes Bryan Truelove, professor of botany, plant pathology and microbiology; Robert Greenleaf, associate professor of music; J. Howard Hargis, professor of chemistry; Martha Solomon, associate professor of speech communication; Richard Durand, Adler Professor of Marketing and Transportation; Emily Melvin, associate professor of curriculum and teaching; John Goodling, professor of mechanical engineering; Joyce Jenkins, assistant professor of nursing; Randall Clark, Alumni Professor of Pharmacal Sciences; Gerald Hanks, professor of small animal surgery and medicine; Yvonne Kozlowski, librarian II and head of the library's social sciences division; Lynn E. Weaver, dean of the School of Engineering; E. Keith McPheeters, dean of the School of Architecture and Fine Arts; J. Thomas Vaughan, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine; James L. Smith, head of personnel and staff development, Cooperative Extension Service; Elva Bradley, coordinator of Placement, Career Development Services; Sharon Goolsby, administrative assistant, School of Education; David Shaffer, president, Student Government Association; and Pat McLaughlin, president of the Graduate Student Association. George Emert, executive vice president will represent the President's Office.

## Education Gets Accreditation Through 1989

The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) has extended the accreditation of the Auburn School of Education through 1989.

Auburn is the only school in Alabama to have all of its programs, through the doctoral level, accredited by the NCATE. Recognition of NCATE on the national level is important because the programs in the School of Education are then considered to meet national standards.

"This is of immeasurable importance to our students since they are then able to receive certification in states outside of Alabama," said Dean Jack Blackburn. "Cert-



**STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER**—The long-awaited student activities center was dedicated April 28, following its initiation on April 27 as the site of the Inauguration Lecture and of the reception following the ceremony that afternoon.  
—Photo by Jim Killian.

ification is required not only of teachers, but also for administrators and counselors."

In a memorandum to the School's administrative council, Dean Blackburn said, "The accreditation is especially important to us during a time when standards are more rigorous than ever and when many schools of education are losing NCATE approval."

## First Presidential Scholars Named

Auburn has named its first thirteen Presidential Opportunity Scholars in a new program established recently by the Board of Trustees. The funds for the scholarships come from \$1 million in unrestricted endowment funds and an additional \$200,000 provided by the Auburn University Foundation through gifts by alumni and friends to Auburn Annual Giving. Income from the \$1,200,000 million is used to provide tuition scholarships.

The first recipients, who will begin their studies at Auburn next fall are:

Keith Allen, LaFayette High, LaFayette; Houston L. Brown, John Carroll High, Birmingham; Valencia R. Burruss, Gosnell High, Blythville, Ark; Eric S. Charles, Ramsay High, Homewood; Melvin D. Dale, Southside High, Sardis; Roderick D. Davis, Wenonah High, Birmingham; Sharon D. Ford, Johnson High, Huntsville; Calvin Randy Hudson, McGavock High, Antioch, Tenn.; Harold D. Melton, Wheeler High, Marietta, Ga.; Beverly M. Pearson, Dadeville High, Dadeville; Irva Reed, Jefferson Davis High, Montgomery; Reginald M. Scott, Winter Park High, Winter Park, Fla.; and David M. Washington, Johnson High, Huntsville.

## Faculty Notes

WILFORD S. BAILEY, president emeritus and University Professor, became the second nonstudent to be honored with membership in the local chapter of Mortar Board. The only other nonstudent to be so honored by the Auburn group is President Emeritus HARRY M. PHILPOTT.

RICHARD R. DENDY, assistant professor of art, recently had an exhibit of his works

in the Biggin Hall Gallery on the Auburn campus. A graduate of Auburn and Georgia State, he was a color illustrator for NASA, a free-lance illustrator with Grapevine Studios of Houston, Tex., and art director of Performing Arts Magazine before joining the Auburn faculty in 1982.

WILFORD S. BAILEY, president emeritus the School of Arts and Sciences, has been given the 1983 George B. Pegram Award by the Southeastern section of the American Physics Society. The Pegram Award



**TOP STUDENT, TEACHER**—The SGA recently honored the top junior and the top faculty in each of Auburn's schools. Pictured here are honorees Prof. A. N. Brubaker and student William L. Whitmer of Birmingham along with Dean of Pharmacy Ben Cooper. Pictures of other award recipients can be found throughout the issue.



was established to recognize outstanding teaching of college physics. It is given annually to a teacher in one of the ten Southeastern states. The first award was made in 1971 to former Auburn Physics Head Fred Allison. Dr. Alford has been on the Auburn faculty since 1952. He became associate dean in 1980.

N. ROB MARTIN and JOHN L. ADRIAN of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology have been named editors of the *Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics*, published by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association. The two professors' terms as editors are for three years. The journal has been published since 1969.

## Generations Fund Over \$56 Million

The fierce loyalty of Auburn alumni, faculty, and friends have resulted in gifts of more than \$56 million toward Auburn's record goal of more than \$61 million by the end of 1984.

The Auburn Generations Fund began with a "family fund" kickoff of more than \$722,000 in gifts from Auburn faculty, retired faculty, and staff. It has gone on to encompass a number of different campaigns covering different geographical areas in and out of Alabama as well as phonothons conducted by students, and in-house campaigns in various companies which have a large number of Auburn alumni employees.

The latter have brought in more than \$619,712. Currently Gulf Power holds the record for the greatest percent of Auburn graduates giving to the campaign. Eighty-seven percent of the Auburn alumni employed by Gulf Power supported the campaign, chaired by Earl Parsons. Following Gulf are Mississippi Power (John Stephens, chairman) with 81 percent; South Central Bell (Howard Palmes and Tommy Saunders, co-chairmen), 75 percent; and Southern Company Services (Douglas Dutton and Jerry Vandegrift, co-chairmen), 74 percent.

The most money has come from the alumni employees of Alabama Power (Randy Hardigree, chairman), \$170,266 and South Central Bell, \$145,015.

George L. (Buck) Bradberry, Alumni Director and Director of Development, has indicated that the campaign will continue fullspeed through the last day of the year and all alumni will be invited to give to the campaign before it concludes.

## Energy Department Awards AU \$453,863 For Fossil Fuels

The U.S. Department of Energy has given Auburn \$453,863 for its fossil fuels research program. The two-year grant goes to the Chemical Engineering Department to support the search for an improved catalyst for liquefying coal.

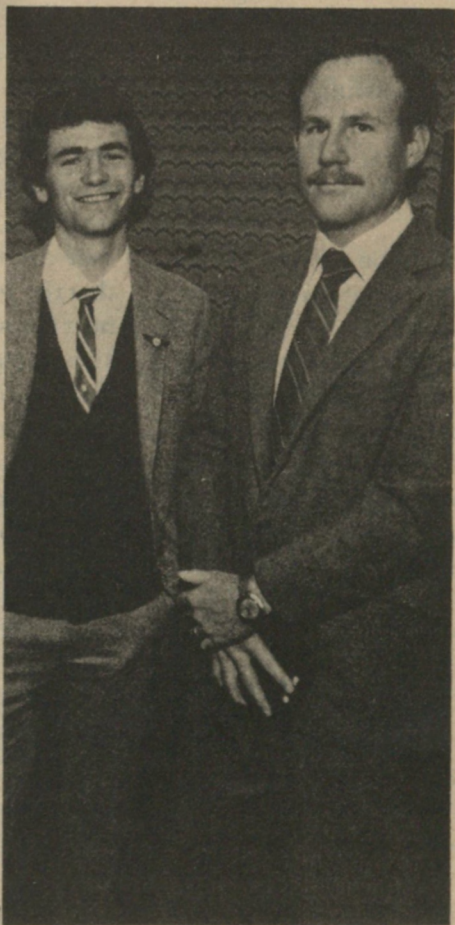
The studies are being conducted by a research team of chemical engineering faculty members Christine Curtis, James Guin, Arthur Tarrer, and Bruce Tatarchuk.

## Humanities Awards Made to Students, Faculty, Alumnus

Auburn's annual awards for Achievement in the Humanities have been presented to two Auburn faculty members, two students, and to a history graduate who is now a professor at Florida State.

This year's awards went to William Warren Rogers '50, for achievement by an alumnus; Dorothy M. DiOrio, for achievement by a faculty member; John Wells Kuykendall, for special achievement; Kira A. Hall, for achievement by an undergraduate student; and David S. Heidler, for achievement by a graduate student. The awards go to alumni, faculty, and students who are nominated for the awards by alumni, faculty, and staff and then chosen by a panel of faculty and faculty emeriti. The awards carry with them either cash prizes or scholarships which are made in the name of the alumni honoree and the special award recipient.

Dr. William Warren Rogers is professor of history at Florida State University. He received both undergraduate and master's degrees in history from Auburn. As an undergraduate, he held the Walter O. Parmer Scholarship and as a graduate student a fellowship in the Department of History. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1959 after having spent two years in Army intelligence. He joined the FSU faculty in Tallahassee in 1959 and was promoted to full professor in 1969. Dr. Rogers specializes in history of the New South and has been a prolific writer throughout his career. He is author of *The One-Gallused Rebellion: Agrarianism in Alabama, 1865-1896*, and other Southern



**TOPS IN ARCHITECTURE**—Billy Renkl, left, a junior in art, has been honored as the top student in the School of Architecture and Fine Arts from Homewood. Billy is art director of *The Auburn Circle*, the student magazine. The SGA's top professor from that school is Prof. Steve Williams of the Department of Building Science.



**HUMANITIES AWARDS**—This year's honorees at the Humanities Honors banquet were, from left, Kira A. Hall, who received the undergraduate achievement award; David S. Heidler, the graduate achievement award; Dr. Dorothy DiOrio, the faculty achievement award; Dr. William Warren Rogers '50, the alumni achievement award; and Dr. John Kuykendall, a special achievement award.

histories. Among his other activities, Dr. Rogers will be taking a group of alumni and students from both Florida State and Auburn to England later this spring as part of Auburn's joining Florida State in a continuing education program offering credit courses in England. As the alumni honoree, Dr. Rogers received a medallion, and two \$500 scholarships are given in his name to Auburn students. He and his wife, Miriam Arnold, '51 have maintained their Auburn ties, sending their son to school here for a Ph.D. in history and a daughter who is currently an undergraduate.

As the faculty award winner, Dr. DiOrio, Castanoli Professor of Italic Languages (see related story on page 2), received a \$1,000 award for professional use. Former head of the Auburn Department of Foreign Languages, she administers the scholarship program established by the late Alder M. Castanoli '18, and advises graduate students in French. Widely reputed an exciting teacher, she has also published several works. As a violinist, she is a regular member of both the Auburn and the Montgomery Symphony Orchestras. In addition she has held local, state, and regional offices in a variety of academic and cultural endeavors.

The special achievement award to John W. Kuykendall, head of the Auburn Department of Religion, recognizes his special contributions to both the Auburn academic community and the state of Alabama through his academic and extra-curricular activities. Last year he was one of the administrators and planners of the Alabama History and Heritage Festival. A former president of Auburn University general faculty, he has been named both Mortar Board's Favorite Teacher and the Student Government Association's Outstanding Professor in Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Kuykendall first came to Auburn in 1965 as the Presbyterian campus minister. After receiving an M.A. and a Ph.D. in American religion from Princeton Univer-

sity in the Seventies, he returned to Auburn to join the staff of the new Department of Religion. On July 1 he will leave Auburn to become president of Davidson College, a 147-year-old, nationally-ranked liberal arts college. Two \$500 scholarships will be presented to Auburn students in his honor.

Kira A. Hall, recipient of the \$500 W.C. Bradley Award, is a senior in Auburn's Honors Program, majoring in English and minoring in German and Latin. President of both Sigma Tau Delta, the English honorary, and the Congress of Honors Programs Students, she received the English Department's Carolyn and Ruth Faulk Scholarship in May 1983. She serves on the editorial board of *The Auburn Circle*, the student magazine, and as vice president of Circle K national collegiate service organization.

As the graduate student recipient of the \$500 W.C. Bradley Award, David S. Heidler holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Auburn. He plans to complete his doctoral work in history during the next academic year. Currently he has a straight A average in his doctoral work and has received a scholarship and two research awards. He presented a paper at the Alabama Academy of Sciences and published another in the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*. He is president of the Auburn chapter of the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta.

## Von Mises Institute Presents Economics Lecture Series

A four lecture series on Austrian economics is underway at Auburn sponsored by the Ludwig von Mises Institute of Auburn University. The two lectures remaining in the series are "Time and Money: The Universals of Macroeconomic Theorizing," to be presented May 17 by

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# Points & Views

Here and There—

## Easter Reflections

By Jerry Roden, Jr. '46

Today is April 22, 1984 *anno Domini*—another Easter Sunday, but one of the most unusual among the sixty-one which I have experienced. For some unknown reason, Rebecca and I awoke rather early this morning, and I turned on the bedside radio just in time to pick up a newscast about the terrible tornado which had struck northern Mississippi a few hours earlier.



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Along with that news was a warning about the possibility of severe weather developing across the central portion of Alabama throughout the day. I glanced out the window and noted that the sky seemed dark, but showed no signs of turbulence. My mind and heart again turned in silent prayer to the victims of the Mississippi disaster.

Some time thereafter we fell asleep once more, only to awaken again to a somewhat urgent telephone request for our presence at a Laotian *baci* in Opelika an hour and thirty minutes later—The caller had just discovered that through family miscommunication in dividing a list, the Rodens had failed to receive the intended invitation earlier.

After a hurried consultation, Rebecca and I agreed to cancel our other Easter morning plans to attend the *baci*. By the time we had dressed and traversed the eight miles from the eastern outskirts of Stonewall to Jolitt Avenue in Opelika, the sky had become turbulent, thunder rumbled ominously, and announcements of tornado watches and warnings mingled with early morning Easter services on the car radio.

However, we arrived and entered the new home of our hosts before the first deluge of rain began. Once inside, we became too deeply absorbed in the *baci* ritual to worry about the louring sky.

A Laotian *baci* may celebrate various significant occasions, but always serves both as a religious ritual and a social ceremony. This particular *baci* performed the dual purpose of celebrating the Lao New Year and consecrating the new home of (1) Mr. and Mrs. Sok Chanthachit, (2) their three juvenile daughters—Douangprachan, Sudavanh, and Chandalay—and (3) Mr. and Mrs. Kongkham Thammavongsa and their baby daughter Karen.

At a glance, that suggests quite a complicated household, but it really isn't: Mrs. Thammavongsa is the former Toumksam Chanthachit, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chanthachit, and it was she and her husband who purchased the new home, not only for themselves but also for her father, mother, and young sisters.

The entire local refugee community plus some visitors from Atlanta and Montgomery usually turn out for any *baci* held in Opelika, and today proved no exception. With their genius for utilizing space, the Laotians managed not only to protect a throng of sixty or seventy or more from the threatening elements but also to arrange everyone comfortably in the living-dining area for the religious ritual and then the ensuing meal.

The ritual of a *baci* is essentially Buddhist, of course, but our East Alabama Laotians have never indicated any sense of incompatibility in having professed Christians participate. With the passage of time here, some of the Laotians have become Christians, others have remained steadfast in the faith of their fathers but developed an appreciation of Christianity as a religion of comparable merit, and a few have adopted a pious heterodoxy which leads them to invoke the forgiveness and blessings of God, Jesus, and Buddha.

Today, after the formal ceremony of the *baci* in Lao, we all mingled exchanging person to person best wishes and invoking—as appropriate to the individual concerned—the blessings of God and Jesus, or God and Buddha, or God and Jesus and Buddha in either English or Lao or a mixture of both—while the thunder continued to rumble outside as the wind lashed the trees and the rain fell in driving sheets.

With the formal and informal rituals completed, the Laotian ladies with incredible efficiency transformed the area from that appropriate to a religious ceremony to that necessary for a full-fledged Lao dinner. As we partook of the bountiful, delicately prepared food, I scanned the room with deep but changing emotions.

First, I indulged myself in pleasant thoughts about how far our little band of refugees have come in the short time they have been here—between three and four years for most of them, six years for one family of pioneer residents, and less than six months for one newly-wed wife. Most of them came here with no knowledge of English and with few, if any, possessions other than the clothes upon their backs. All of them risked their lives to escape the communist tyranny which engulfed their native land. Before they escaped, at least three of them were condemned to execution for resisting communist conquest, and one of those three swam back across the Mekong River from his sanctuary in Thailand on more than one occasion to continue resistance as long as possible.

Now, with the single exception of one former officer virtually blinded in defense of his homeland, all adults—both men and women—are fully employed. And that one exception remains productive despite his handicap by performing with the full dignity of an officer gardening, cooking, and other household chores to enable his wife to devote herself primarily to her job at Diversified Products. With the earnings from their productive labor, these new residents of Opelika further contribute to the local economy through the purchase of furniture, appliances, food, clothing, cars, and homes.

As these heart-warming thoughts ran through my mind, a much less happy realization struck me: Amidst the gay laughter and manifestations of love and friendship ran an undercurrent of sorrow in the minds and hearts of the adult Laotians. Fleeting shadows of expression revealed that they were recalling other *bacis* in a distant land and longing for the missing faces of relatives and friends who either had lost their lives in a bid for freedom or had survived but remained beneath the yoke of tyranny with no real hope of deliverance.

Then, I began to brood, as I am often wont to do lately, upon man's inhumanity to man, which remains all too evident in the daily news of wars, threats of

war, and rumors of war—fomented from the far left and the far right for control of the hearts, minds, bodies, and souls of free men throughout the world.

And then I recalled with bitter relish a line from *The Diary of Anne Frank*: "People are showing their worst side, and it is difficult to believe in truth and right and God." For a few moments, I encountered once again the same difficulty and forgot for that interlude the genuine happiness which existed around me, despite the undercurrent of sorrow. And, even worse, I forgot for the moment the significance in our own culture of this special day.

But a glimpse of unalloyed joy in the indescribably bright eyes of little Peggy Khamken brought me back to some sense of perspective and the realization that Anne Frank had uttered that despairing line in the first paragraph of one of her late entries, but that farther on in the same entry, she affirmed: "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation of confusion, misery, and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness. I hear the ever-approaching thunder, which will destroy us too. I can feel the suffering of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquillity will return again."

Of course, we all are—or certainly should be—aware of the poignant irony arising from that eloquent statement of faith. The particular cruelty from which she and all the other Jews of Europe suffered eventually ended and a measure of peace and tranquillity returned, but not in time for Anne and six million other Jews to enjoy it. Anne died in March 1945, and the great hopes which arose with the end of World War II and the formation of the United Nations that same year have long since faded into hot wars and cold wars and the threat of a nuclear holocaust.

And now, sitting at home recording the events and thoughts of the day, these latest somber reflections turn me back toward the mood of that bitter interlude in the morning, but I am suddenly aware that the tornado watches have been canceled and that the weather outside has become so calm that I can hear frogs chirping for acres around. And this pervasive tranquillity in the little world of Stonewall restores again some sense of perspective—one which permits me to reflect that today and every day of my life—in spite of all the evil in the world—have provided convincing evidence that most people "are really good at heart."

And that evidence proves strong enough to renew hope that compassion, education, generosity, reverence, and tolerance may some day bring here on earth some enduring measure of peace and tranquillity—some fulfillment of the redemption promise which Easter symbolizes, for which *the son of man* died upon the cross almost two thousand years ago.





## Now, Fellahs, That's West

By Bob Sanders '52

I will assume that you are of above average intelligence and that I don't have to explain that baseball is the greatest ball game ever invented by man. (Avoid anybody who doesn't think it is. They probably like Kool Aid and anchovies, and they may be actually dangerous.)

Since we're in the early weeks of a new season, a few things are worthy of comment concerning the 1984 edition of the game The Boys of Summer play, some good and some bad. First, I notice the people who run such things still haven't learned east from west. Last year, Ernie Johnson remarked that there might possibly be a realignment of the divisions, but, alas, we still have the laughable situation of Atlanta and Cincinnati being in the Western Division and Chicago and St. Louis being in the Eastern Division. Well, what can you expect from a bunch of jocks. College people would know better. Right?

Wrong. You can see what kind of mess our educational system is in by looking at Southeastern Conference baseball. When they decided to divide the league into divisions, and decided to have an East and West split it would have been an oh-so-simple thing to do. Aha! Light bulb. Hey! We'll put the eastern five teams in the East Division, and the western five teams in the West Division. Isn't there some logic there? Wouldn't you have done it that way? Wouldn't any rational human being have done it that way? Don't worry 'bout it. It's in the hands of college people, educated people.

So what happens? They put Auburn, clearly in the eastern half of the conference (look at the map, fellows!), in the West Division, along with LSU, Ole Miss, etc. It is to weep. Martin, you've got your work cut out for you.

Then, while we're at it, let's look at scheduling. Baseball is uncomfortable at best in the setting of a 9-month school year. To get a reasonable number of games in, the season has to start in February (not usually your ideal baseball weather) which means many delays and postponements and cancellations because of rain and snow and cold. This is inevitable. And these weather conditions guarantee very slight attendance at a large percentage of the 45 or so games; baseball is so intrinsically associated with

warm weather that it just don't seem fittin' to sit on icy bleacher seats and watch the very spirit of summer.

The problem could be eased a good bit by simply making sure that all games be played in the daytime. There is no reason for ever playing a college baseball game at night, not with the season ending in early May as it does. At least half the fun of going to a college game consists of soaking up the early spring sunshine, and observing the soaking up of it by sun-worshipping knowledge seekers. There are enough miserable days in late winter and early spring without intensifying the problem by playing the games at night. (Troops, the temperature is nearly always much lower after the sun goes down. You could look it up.) In the pros this year, the

American League had gumption enough to schedule most of its early games in the South or West or in cities with domes. Amazing.

As far as college baseball goes, I offer another suggestion. Instead of trying to play the games in the winter and early spring, why not go ahead and consider the summer quarter the same as any other quarter and play the bulk of the games during it? Sure, there are fewer people in town and on campus then, but you can bet a much higher percentage of them would go out to the games if they were played when baseball's supposed to be played. And, all right, go ahead and play some games then under the lights. I'm trying to help, folks, really I am. And while I'm at it, doesn't some recycling project need some aluminum? I'm sure they'd appreciate a pickup load of aluminum bats. They don't sound the way bats are supposed to sound. They don't look the way bats are supposed to look—who ever heard of a baseball bat sparkling in the sun? (Take along all designated hitters while you're at it.)

These, of course, are very minor—if perennially annoying—irritations, the elimination of which would make the Greatest Game even greater.

The major problems (speaking of the pros now) are the vulgar amounts of money paid to the practitioners of the wonderful (but, let's be honest, children's) game—\$320,000 average, last I heard—and the dope silliness.

Tasteless though it is, there's nothing that can be done about the first problem as long as owners are stupid enough to shell out such ridiculous amounts—you can't blame the players for taking it.

But vibrations about the second foolishness seem to be good—mainly because some people got caught. I imagine complete, lurid details of Pascual Perez' vacation in the dungeons of the Dominican Republic will circulate around before long. Maybe that little saga will cause some would-be experimenter to stick to Red Man. It may be messy ("he throws right, bats right, and spits left") but it's safer than coke or pills.

Play Ball!



—Photo by Vann Baker '84



**ONLY A WATERCOLOR REMAINS** — Broun Hall continues to exist only in this watercolor and in the bricks which the LaCrosse Team are using to raise money to support the library and their club. Each donor of \$25 to the library gets a Broun brick, cleaned and preserved with a copy of this watercolor by Wally Ridgway '75 affixed, and another copy of the painting suitable for framing. Contributions should be made payable to the Auburn University Foundation and designated to the Library Endowment/-Broun Fund, and mailed to Broun Souvenir, % Auburn Alumni Association, Auburn University, AL 36849-3501.



# Features

## President Martin Pleased with AU

By Kaye Lovvorn '64

A week before his inauguration as Auburn's fourteenth president, Dr. James E. Martin talked to *The Alumnews* about himself, his return to his alma mater, the job itself, and some of the goals he has for Auburn University.

Calling "the most impressive the least important" among the changes he's found at Auburn, President Martin said that though the campus is three times as large and the tripled student enrollment is easy to spot, he's been most impressed by changes of other kinds: "the breadth of the programs offered by Auburn," for instance. "It's into educational and research areas that are considerably larger and greater in scope than I remember." The students are "perhaps better prepared for college work than my generation," he adds, pointing out that, "The students as measured by the ACT scores are well above the national average—20 percent or so. I think that speaks well of the type of student that wants to come to Auburn." Current applications for transfer and freshman students are running some twenty percent ahead of this time last year and the ACT scores of the applicants are not going down.

In addition to being pleased with the quality of students, Dr. Martin says that he's impressed "with the quality of the faculty as I visit in the departments. I'm impressed with the quality of research and particularly the dedication of the faculty. That dedication is one of the elements that perhaps hasn't changed. The same dedication and interest in the students that I thought I saw when I was a student is still here. It's rather remarkable to see that kind of growth and the retention of that interest in the undergraduate student and Auburn and the faculty are to be complimented."

A third area in which Auburn's new president is impressed by his alma mater is "the untapped potential that exists here at Auburn to do additional research and to strengthen the teaching programs—If we can just get average regional levels of funding for these programs or even state levels of funding for similar programs."

In addition to beginning to meet the faculty and students on the Auburn campus, Dr. Martin has taken some time out to visit around the state during his first two months back in Alabama. In particular he has been speaking to alumni and friends in a series of meetings across the state to tell them about Auburn and to ask for their support for Auburn's budget request.

"That was a real opportunity for me to get to renew some old acquaintances and also to get to meet a number of Auburn alumni, supporters, and friends and to tell them what I see as some of the potential of Auburn University if we receive some additional funding," explained Dr. Martin. "And generally I think that the alumni and



**OFFERING A HAND**—Newly-inaugurated Auburn President James E. Martin offers a hand to War Eagle, V, as Mrs. Martin watches. Auburn's famous mascot joined hundreds of Auburn faculty, friends, students, and alumni in a reception following the inauguration ceremony.

friends appreciated having an opportunity to discuss Auburn and some of the potential that exists here, some of their aspirations for the institution."

On his trips over the state, Dr. Martin has found that the questions he is asked are "essentially the same." He noticed a "tremendous interest in Auburn's academic programs—the teaching, research, and public service programs." He had an opportunity to talk about some of the "limitations other than financial limitations—we could talk about equipment, the necessary ingredients to attract and retain quality faculty, our need for scholarships for outstanding students so that we can be more competitive with other institutions who are providing larger scholarship programs than Auburn is able to provide."

Although his background is in agriculture, Dr. Martin has made it clear that he believes that Auburn is a comprehensive university. In early press conferences, he talked about the need for a strong School of Arts and Sciences. That school, he explains, is "really the core of the educational program. Most freshmen and sophomores spend the majority of time there and if their preparation there is not of the highest quality then it's difficult to build quality professional programs upon it."

It's easy enough to see why Dr. Martin supports the basics taught in the School of Arts and Sciences, when he defines an educated person:

"I suppose everybody has a somewhat different definition of an educated person," he explains. "I think of an educated person as an individual who can communicate effectively, who has the ability to read, write, and speak in at least one language. I think of an educated person as one who has a certain level of computation skills in order to live at ease in our number-

oriented society and not be awed or completely lost with the basic elements of computation. An educated person is an individual who has an appreciation for the best in art and music, one who has developed certain levels of curiosity about society, about the human race, and about what's going on in the world; who has some appreciation and knowledge of international affairs and can put them in perspective. An educated person is an individual who attempts to maintain current knowledge of economic and social structures on the local, national, and international level. And on top of all that, a truly educated person has a sense of humor about himself and the things that impact on him."

His definition of an educated person would make it clear that continued learning is valued in Dr. Martin's scheme of things, even if one didn't know that his address on that topic was printed in *Vital Speeches* a year ago. Although most college seniors don't know they'll ever have to learn anything again once they sell those last textbooks at J&M, they'll learn different. "As soon as they get out," according to Dr. Martin, "it's going to be evident. I think the current estimate is that the average college graduate will hold as many as five jobs, five different jobs that will require additional training or additional education if he is going to perform well in the new job environment."

"With the high technology and the complexity associated with society today," the president continues, "we're all in a continuous learning environment and a structured program of continuing education can be a very efficient way for individuals to maintain competency or improve their competency or knowledge in areas that may be required or desirable. Someone may want to learn a whole new set of skills or

music appreciation or something that he wants to learn for his own pleasure. A comprehensive university—and certainly a land-grant university—has not only the obligation but the mission of providing those opportunities."

A college president always has too many demands on his time. However, Dr. Martin managed, as president of the University of Arkansas System, to keep up with his specialty which involves applying computers to farm management and other agriculture uses. Last summer, for instance, he was on the faculty of an international conference in computer applications for agriculture held in Austria. So far, the Auburn president's mansion does not include in its furnishings the trappings of a computer; however, that does not mean they will be long absent. Asked how he manages to keep up with a fast growing field such as computers, Dr. Martin explains:

"I enjoy working with computers. I like the challenge that is associated with a computational procedure or developing an algorithm for the solution of a problem and then computerizing that if it is a problem that is faced more than once. One can gain a certain amount of satisfaction from being smarter than a machine."

In addition to the challenge, he finds that such activities "keep you from losing sanity or perspective. It's a change of pace that is enjoyable and I guess if you're writing a computer program and you've spent five more hours you can look at it and say, I did in fact accomplish something. Some days you spend in the office in administration and you wonder if you accomplished anything and yet you worked very hard." At one time, Auburn's new president wrote all the software for a computer firm and could operate \$44 million in computers all over the country from a bedroom in his home.

Despite a slight heart attack last year, Dr. Martin's health is good enough that he hopes to retain his pilot's license. He taught himself to play the piano he bought for his wife, "not well, but loud." He also plays the baritone ukulele and one of his favorite means of getting exercise used to be roller-skating. So far no one has seen the president on roller skates in Auburn, but he and his wife, Ann, often take strolls around the campus. "I enjoy more things than I have time to do," he explains, "That's what frustrates me."

When he reads for fun or when he's traveling, Dr. Martin is apt to choose an adventure novel such as *The Eye of The Needle*, although he hates to start reading one late at night because he wants to stay awake and finish it. But his reading matter is not limited to one type. "I think I'm the only person who's read everything printed by the University of Arkansas Press and that's a wide range of books from poetry to a book on the governors of Arkansas."

Now that he's been on the Auburn campus two months, Dr. Martin views the difference between his job as president of the University of Arkansas System and as president of Auburn University as like "comparing apples and oranges. There I coordi-



nated two law schools, the state's only medical program, a 480-bed hospital, the 1862 and the 1890 land-grant universities, a four-year institution that was essentially a liberal arts school, an urban university, three football teams, and four basketball teams from two offices 200 miles apart. We had some outstanding programs on all the campuses and some we were trying to strengthen." He has said several times that the only thing that could have enticed him to leave Arkansas was to come home to Auburn.

As he gets to better know Auburn, Dr. Martin is spending four hours every week visiting a different department. He now has an executive vice president and he hopes to have an academic vice president on campus by September. In the meantime, the new executive vice president will be heavily involved in dealing with the accreditation situation at Auburn. After the accreditation team came to campus last year, they postponed announcing the results of the visit until the university's administrative structure was more settled.

"The postponement was just that," explains Dr. Martin. "As I understand it there is no prejudice involved." He plans to meet with representatives from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to discuss their findings and seek their recommendations. "We hope to provide satisfactory answers for any questions they may have had."

In addition to a concern with faculty salaries, Dr. Martin had scarcely gotten to campus before he was talking about the need for more student scholarships and for additional faculty professorships—in particular a university professorship that would recognize and reward truly outstanding accomplishment. Dr. Martin succeeded in

getting the University Professorships approved at the most recent meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees also appointed former President Wilford S. Bailey '42 to the first such position. "I hope there will be nominations of existing faculty to appoint one or two more by fall," says Dr. Martin, who explains he plans always to keep one or two of the positions vacant "so if we have the opportunity during the next year to attract a Nobel Prize winner we can offer him a job here."

Another area of priority for Dr. Martin is the library. At the most recent board meeting, the Trustees approved his request for reworking the airhandling system in the building which has been notoriously inadequate since the library was built. "We have to first protect the library materials we have," explained Dr. Martin. A renovation of the system will probably cost \$1.25 million.

Before concluding his interview with *The Alumnews*, President Martin talked about some of his goals for Auburn, goals he planned to discuss in more detail in his remarks at his inauguration:

"In the next five to seven years, I would like to see Auburn have the reputation as the best institution in Alabama and the region with respect to the interest the faculty shows in teaching graduate and undergraduate courses. In addition to enhancing the teaching aspect of the university, I would like to see us move into the top fifty comprehensive universities in our research program and capability.

"I would like to see a four or five-fold expansion of our programs dealing with continuing education, using our faculty expertise to make that contribution to the entire state.

"I would hope that we would have con-



**CONGRATULATIONS**—Kelly Mosley '24 of Atlanta chats with President James E. Martin at the reception on Inauguration Day. Mr. Mosley, a member of the Humanities Advisory Council, has been a leading supporter of Auburn in programs in agriculture, engineering, and the humanities.

—AU Photographic Service

trolled growth so that in five or seven years we would see something like 18,000 plus or minus a thousand undergraduates and 4,000 plus or minus graduate students."

But in order for Auburn to reach those goals, Dr. Martin says, "We have to reverse the trend which has been an erosion of our faculty salary structure and our staff salaries. We've got to be competitive nationwide with our faculty salaries because that's where you recruit faculty. We've got to be competitive at least regionally with our staff salaries.

"We've got to have significant improvement in our instructional and research equipment so that we have up-to-date facilities for our instructional and research programs.

"We need to continue to address our library needs. In five or seven years, I would like to see our library expanded so that we could reasonably expect to become a member of the national Association of Research Libraries.

"We have to address many deferred maintenance problems on the campus.

"And we have to have additional scholarship funds for students. We need to have funds available for truly outstanding students regardless of need. Not all outstanding students are needy students and some of them are going to go where they have earned something for themselves. If you base scholarships strictly on need, Auburn will lose those students. Of course we also need to make sure that no student is denied access to the programs at Auburn University because of need if he or she is truly outstanding.

"We need to improve the number of minorities and women on both our faculty and in our student body—minorities particularly because we need those well qualified and educated people to perform some of the continuing education and research needs in this state."

In talking about how he would work toward improving Auburn's undergraduate and graduate education programs, Dr. Martin said he would "reward outstanding teaching and make it clear that we are a university and here to educate the future generations. I would like to see the entire university recognizing individual accomplishment."

Dr. Martin has said that his administration is going to be one that emphasizes people. "I really expect to see Auburn developing by priorities that other people set. I'm going to put my priority on people and my experience has been that those people will come to you with ideas on things they want to accomplish and, in many cases, ideas on how to fund what they're talking about. I have felt that the greatest successes have been with proposals coming from the faculty and often starting on a shoestring. The anerobic bacteria lab at Virginia Tech started much that way. Now it's a reference center with a national and international reputation. We took a little flyer with \$22,000 and now it's a multimillion dollar enterprise. If you have the right people, it's amazing what can be done, even with limited resources. A lot of it is attitude, optimism, confidence."

As the new president concluded his interview for *The Alumnews*, he said he would like to tell alumni that "they have every right to be extremely proud of Auburn University. It is providing a much better education and doing a much better job than we have a right to expect." But, he said, "it's a law of economics that so much more could be produced with just a marginal financial increase."

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**AT EASE**—President and Mrs. James E. Martin recently invited reporters to pay them an informal visit at home.

—Photo by Jim Killian



## Retired Engineer Spends His Time Helping You Find A Gold Mine

By Glenn T. Eskew '84

People spend their retirements many different ways, but Charles Overby '43 spends his retirement most uniquely—by drawing maps of several Southern states which detail areas where gold has been found.

Mr. Overby, an engineer and retired National Aeronautics and Space Administration executive who lives in Cocoa Beach, Fla., has been drawing gold maps since 1980. He has completed five maps listing 140 gold sites in Alabama, 500 in Georgia, 300 in North Carolina, 130 in South Carolina, and 200 in Virginia. Based on the same scale as the United States series of topographic maps, Mr. Overby's gold maps scale down to one inch equaling about four miles.

Mr. Overby encourages gold panning as an outing for the family, hikers, campers, canoeists and fishermen. He sees this as a recreational sport which can also be profitable. Mr. Overby himself is not a gold panner because his interests center on actually locating areas where gold can be found. He first became interested in gold while reading a governmental publication. Fascinated with the geology of the Appalachian area, he found extensive gold deposits stretching from Alabama to beyond Washington, D.C.

His Alabama map shows large concentrations of gold in Alabama's Cleburne, Clay, and Randolph Counties. The first discovery of gold in Alabama occurred some time during 1830, according to Mr. Overby, who added that the most prosperous sites, Cleburne County's Arbacoochee and Tallapoosa County's Goldville, existed in Central Alabama. A German doctor, who settled in an area just north of what is now Alexander City, often receives credit for the discovery of gold in Alabama. Dr. Ulrich built vineyards along Hillabee Creek on 1,200 acres he purchased from the Indians. He discovered gold while digging a wine cellar.

Once gold was discovered, Alabama became third in the country's top gold producing states. Much of Alabama's gold was used between 1838 and 1860 by the U.S. mint in Dahlonega, Ga., for making coins. With the discovery of gold, the population of the state grew. At one time, 4,000 people worked in gold mining in Abracoochee, one of Alabama's largest cities in the early nineteenth century. Goldville, near Dr. Ulrich's Dutch Bend Mine, had a dozen saloons, two hotels, 14 stores, and several churches and schools. Some estimate that \$12 million worth of gold was mined near Goldville during the years the miners were operational.

Gold mining flourished in this area, according to Mr. Overby, until the Gold Rush of 1849 when the miners left and closed the Appalachian mines, many of which never opened again.

Much of Mr. Overby's geological research comes from national and state agencies such as the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Geological Survey of Alabama, and the U.S. Geological Survey. By omitting contour infor-



**A TREASURE MAP**—His wife's teasing suggestion that there was more money in the maps than in the gold one could find with them led Charles Overby '43, a retired NASA engineer, into the scientific pursuit of a new hobby—mapping the sites of past (and probable) gold locations.

mation which he considers confusing, he has created practical and different maps.

With creeks and branches standing out in blue, secondary roads colored grey, and trails clearly marked, the maps become simple to use. By including tips on how to pan for gold as well as what equipment to use, the maps provide all the necessary information on how to develop and enjoy this hobby.

According to Mr. Overby, panning for gold can be fun. One does not have to have a license to do it, and panning can be done year round. Gold can also be freely and legally panned in national forests. On private land, however, Mr. Overby suggests a panner get permission from the owner.

One needs only a shovel, gold pan, magnifying glass, pair of tweezers and a small plastic vial in which to put the gold, to get started panning, according to Mr. Overby. Pans can be purchased at many hardware stores, rock shops, and hobby shops.

The armchair gold panner will find many anecdotes about gold on the maps as well. To date, according to Mr. Overby's research, the total production of gold can be estimated at about 2.9 billion ounces or equivalent to a cube about 55 feet on a side. Nearly half of the gold that has been mined can be found in government vaults. The gold on the world market, although at times used industrially, most often gets used in the fabrication of jewelry.

Mr. Overby's map—available for \$6 per state from Big Ten, Inc., P.O. Box 1231, Cocoa Beach, Fla., 32931—give special emphasis to areas in which previous gold finds have been extensive.

## Castanoli Prof Finds Change Balances Life

By Ann Freeman

On April 13 Dorothy DiOrio received the Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities. Ask the students in the Foreign Languages Department or one of her fellow teachers and

they will offer some of the reasons for this choice without a moment's hesitation. When asked to describe Dr. DiOrio, a graduate student in Foreign Languages remarked, "She helps students find their best qualities. In her eyes, everybody has a special gift. She fosters self-belief and makes each aware of his or her potential contribution."

And according to Alex Posniak, a colleague who was department head when Dr. DiOrio joined the Auburn faculty: "Dorothy believes that every one of her students has the potential for being a Fulbright. She's ambitious on their behalf and consistently enthusiastic and optimistic. She's a ray of sunshine."

Dorothy DiOrio is, indeed, filled with creative energy, a dynamo who moves comfortably through enough activities to keep several people busy, and she enjoys it

all. When she first came to Auburn in 1972 to assume leadership of the Department of Foreign Languages, she discovered that the university had discontinued its Latin curriculum. Believing that a program in Latin was important, Dr. DiOrio undertook to teach a Latin course, in addition to her other courses, for four years in order to make sure a Latin curriculum was established.

Other programs besides the Latin major which were instituted during her tenure as department head are: the French master's degree program; academic summer study abroad programs in France and Spain; the foreign language and international business major in French, German, and Spanish; organization of the departmental library; and since then, in 1982, a graduate exchange program with a school in Caen, France. This last program increases the number of French native speakers helping with instruction on all levels at Auburn and permits Auburn students greater access to study abroad. The dramatic rise in foreign language majors at Auburn over the last decade is, moreover, in great part attributable to her leadership. When Dr. DiOrio came to Auburn in 1972 there were 70 majors; today there are more than 200.

Dr. DiOrio, herself, admits to having a talent for organization, and a review of her schedule demonstrates this point. She is graduate advisor in the Department of Foreign Languages, the incumbent of the DaVinci-Castanoli Chair (and responsible for overseeing a major scholarship program), a professor of French and Latin, and an active, publishing researcher.

Part of the secret behind Dorothy DiOrio's enthusiastic pursuit of this demanding schedule is that she has achieved that special, energizing balance between professional life and hobbies. Her favorite activities for recreation cover a wide range, including scuba diving, mountain climbing, snow skiing, cycling, tennis, and playing the violin. Reflecting on her interest in the violin, Dr. DiOrio reveals the way in which this involvement works to give her energy:



**TEACHING EXCELLENCE**—Dr. Dorothy DiOrio, former head of the Foreign Language Department, receives the Humanities Award for achievement by a faculty member from Arts and Sciences Dean Edward Hobbs.

—Photo by Jim Killian



"I do get to about two rehearsals a week, one here and one in Montgomery. I just love it. It's the only thing I do where I just can't think about anything else. So I go to rehearsals exhausted and I end up refreshed. It's amazing. I will think I cannot move that bow; I'm too tired. And you know, you just get so caught up in it and it's so different from anything else that you do that by the time the rehearsal is over, even three hours later, you feel like a new person. You end up with a lot more energy than you had when you started the day even."

Dr. DiOrio, whenever possible, prefers to pursue her other hobbies in Europe, where she lived for 13 years before returning to the United States for her doctoral studies. In this way she can combine seeing old friends and enjoying favored pastimes such as skiing in the Alps. She also tries to travel to one new country each year.

The predilection for adventure which Dorothy DiOrio's vacation travels reveal is apparent also in the way she learned to speak French. After completing the bachelor's degree at Bucknell, she taught French in suburban Philadelphia. This experience convinced her that it was necessary to learn the spoken language in France. She accepted a position as babysitter for an American military family only to discover, several weeks after her June arrival in Europe, that they were being transferred to South America immediately. Dorothy DiOrio met the situation with characteristic pluck. As she recounts, "My pride just wouldn't let me go home. And so the concierge was very kind to me and gave me a little maid's room, and I just answered everything in the French newspapers. No matter what they asked, I said I could do it!"

Finally she found work playing the violin for tips and dinner in a restaurant. Hardly an undertaking for the faint of heart, the job took her into the rough, working-class, Communist section of Paris, but it did perform the task of introducing her to spoken French, including some aspects of the language that could not be repeated. As she was trained in classical music, Dr. DiOrio had to leave sheet music in the cloakroom, where she hurriedly learned the pieces that customers requested. This somewhat stressful approach to conversational French provided her with enough skills to secure a job by September teaching at a posh Swiss school for girls; although, it was not entirely smooth sailing even then. Each day remained a challenge as Dr. DiOrio, who not yet proficient in the language, was entrusted with a wide array of courses (including Latin) to teach in French. At meals she had to serve as a model of proper table manners for the young ladies, for which she got coaching from her colleagues on how to eat *a la francaise*.

As the Da Vinci-Castanoli Professor, Dr. DiOrio oversees the Da Vinci-Castanoli Scholarship Program. This responsibility is time-consuming as she must review the applications with the scholarship committee each year, monitor the grades of recipients every quarter, and decide which of them are also eligible for distinguished achievement awards. These bonus awards of \$250 can augment a stipend by \$1,000 a year and are given quarterly for outstanding achievement in any field. The role of babysitter to the scholarship program is thus a demanding one, and Alder Castanoli was farsighted to write these obligations into the contract for the chair he endowed.



**AN OUTDOOR CONCERT**—The Auburn University Symphony recently had its annual brown bag concert at noon in Graves Amphitheatre. Under the direction of Roy Bennett, the symphony's yearly outdoor concert has become a tradition for Auburn school children and music lovers.

—Photo by Bryan Easley

Dr. DiOrio performs the job of mother superior happily, however, and Mr. Castanoli's choice of her for the Da Vinci-Castanoli Chair seems also to have been farsighted.

Dorothy DiOrio's plans for the future include finishing the translation of a French geological work, articles in her French specialty, and longer range plans for updating her book, *Leconte de Lisle: 120 Years of Critical Thought*. These scholarly pursuits will, as always, fit into her plans for summer travel in Europe.

## Novelist Prof Madison Jones Talks About Writing

By David Benson '84

A friendly, white fringe of hair surrounds his head and chin, leaving an opening for horned rimmed glasses and an ever present cigarette. He waves the cigarette at times, punctuating his words with puffs of smoke, giving his relaxed Southern drawl an ethereal quality that soothes listeners—making them more receptive to what he has to say.

He is Madison Jones, University Writer-in-Residence. Before becoming the first University Writer-in-Residence, Mr. Jones was Alumni Writer-in-Residence for 16 years. The writer has been with Auburn since 1956.

A graduate of Vanderbilt, Mr. Jones met his wife, Shailah, while working on his M.A. at the University of Florida. He smiles when he talks about his wife, and refers to her as a "Cincinnati girl," having come from Tennessee himself. They have

five children—Carroll, Percy, Ellen, Michael, and Andrew.

Mr. Jones has his office on the ninth floor of Haley Center, a corner room with a window, a typewriter, a desk, a heavy leather armchair, volumes and volumes of books, and no phone. "People call you if you have a phone," he told his colleague Dr. Ward Allen one day.

Aside from being a family man, a professor, and a writer, Mr. Jones is a farmer with 82 acres in Chambers County. He runs beef cattle on the farm, mainly Herefords.

Mr. Jones will retire to his farm in June of 1985, having taught a total of 32 years, which he says he thinks is enough. He hopes to continue writing after his retire-

ment and believes the change will stimulate him.

Even if retirement does nothing for Mr. Jones, he will still have seven books to his credit: *Passage Through Gehenna*; *Forest of the Night*; *A Cry of Absence*; *A Buried Land*; *The Innocent*; *An Exile*, which was later made into the movie *I Walk the Line*; and *Season of the Strangler*.

The writing of those seven books, combined with 31 years of teaching experience, has made Mr. Jones an authority on the writing of fiction and he recently talked to *The Alumnews* about his own writing. Q: It has been said that you write while lying down. Is this true?

A: I used to, but I wasn't exactly prone. I'd lie on my elbow and when I wanted to stop and think about something awhile I'd often roll back, put my head down, think a minute and then get back up on my elbow.

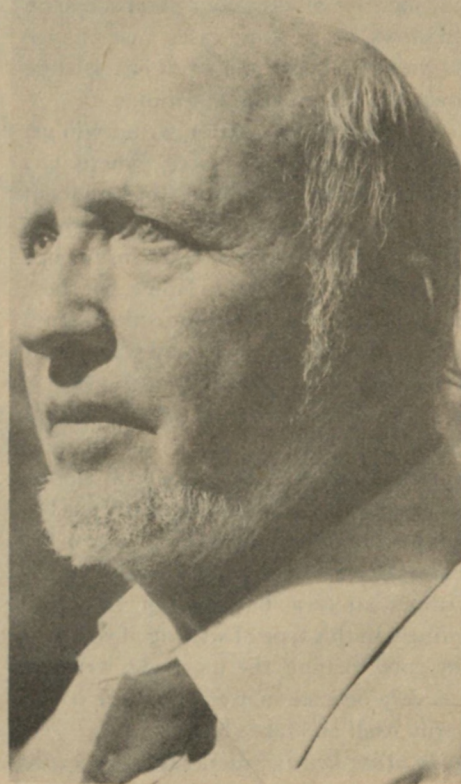
I started *A Passage Through Gehenna* still doing that, as I had done on the previous five novels, but it wasn't going very well and part of the way through the book I stopped. I thought that if I changed my way of doing things it might help and so I started working on a typewriter.

I couldn't type very well, and still can't, but I can type faster than I can think—or at least faster than I can compose sentences. I had the feeling a typewriter would stand between me and composition, but I found that it didn't bother me.

Q: Did changing to a typewriter affect your writing?

A: I don't know that it's got anything to do with my style having changed, but it may have had some influence. I write a more colloquial kind of language than I did through my fifth novel, *A Cry of Absence*. I don't suppose the typewriter has got anything to do with that, but it could have had some effect.

Q: Where do you get the ideas for what you write?



Madison Jones



A: Well, sometimes I just have a piece of luck. Sometimes something will strike me that I read. For instance, I read the book, *Carmen* (by Prosper Mérimée), and thought that could be a good novel for me if it were in a different locale with different characters. I took that idea, turned it around and applied it in my own bailiwick.

*Barren Land* came from something that happened in an Alabama town south of here that a friend of mine told me.

Another was based in some part—at least in important ways—on my own personal experiences when I was twenty years old.

Q: How did the idea of *Season of the Strangler* come about?

A: Several things are involved. I'd been thinking for a long time that I'd like to deal with some plain-town folks, a number of different types of characters. And, for some years I had known about the stranglings in Columbus, but by the time I'd thought about it, they were all over with and nearly forgotten.

About that time I read Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*, and I just got to thinking that somehow I might bind these lives together in terms of the Strangler. *Winesburg* sort of suggested a pattern of stories, more or less, loosely connected by the town and a common situation. Somehow those things just came together. You never know or can remember, exactly how things take shape. They sort of do it in the back of your head, or in your subconscious, and present themselves to you not quite complete. That's enough for a piece of fiction.

Q: Do you think ideas coming together in that manner is peculiar to writers?

A: No, I don't think the process of two or three different events or experiences coming together and forming an idea is purely the property of a writer or an artist of any kind. I expect scientists have come up with an idea in the same manner. And probably a lawyer thinking of a legal brief would put things together in much the same way. I'm sure a similar thing happens, but happens in a different context of interest and talent.

Q: Then the talent for fiction writing is something that not everybody is going to have?

A: Oh, yes, surely. That's true of most things. There's a talent for all kinds of enterprises and undertakings. People have a gift—not just art, like woodcarving—but the ability to lay bricks for that matter. The best bricklayer I ever saw, the first time he ever laid a brick he was beating the best after only a half-a-day. What you do in life has something to do with finding out what you do well.

The same thing applies in considerable measure to a writer or painter. He discovers he does that well and that becomes his undertaking.

Q: Do you read as much as you write?

A: When I'm writing I'm likely to spend more time writing than I am reading. I don't read a whole lot, but I do read a lot of different kinds of things. As a matter of fact, I read less and less fiction.

For instance, lately I've been reading about the history of the papacy. That's a very interesting subject to me. Previous to that, I was reading about demons and exorcism. I don't confine myself to the reading of fiction.

Q: Are you planning to write a non-fiction book?

A: No—no. I just happen to be interested



**CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**—Cong. Bill Nichols '39 (left) was on campus recently to present a certificate of excellence to staff members of Ralph Brown Draughon Library recognizing Auburn's federal deposit collection, a distinction achieved by only two percent of libraries with federal depositories. "I take a singular pride when Auburn University is singled out," Cong. Nichols said. "And I feel that the library too often takes a back seat. Auburn stands as one of the top libraries in the Southeast in making the federal depository section one that is dedicated to the user, which is particularly important as it relates to research." Accepting the certificate of excellence was Harmon Straiton, head of microforms and documents; looking on are Bill Highfill, library director, and Taylor Littleton, academic advisor to the president.

—Photo by Jim Killian

in the papacy, especially in its modern condition.

A lot of different things come up and I develop an interest in them. I do have a kind of biding interest in theological matters, although I'm not a theologian.

I think anything you read is a help to you as a writer. Ideas can come from anywhere.

Q: How important do you think reading is to a writer?

A: I think it's pretty important. For one thing, it keeps your mind moving. Everything you pour in, in some way, alters the flow of thought. It's part of keeping your intellectual blood circulating. Reading keeps it from settling on the precise way in which you've always viewed everything. It may not change your fundamental ideas but it may increase or alter your perspective on old views, or, in some cases, may change old views. It keeps you from just settling down to a frozen vision of things.

And sometimes a fiction writer will get an idea in strange places, where you wouldn't expect to find one. Reading about the papacy, a situation may occur. Perhaps a fiction writer wouldn't want to use a pope or anything happening in Rome, but these things can be transferred into other terms. Situations arise in such books that may furnish you with a good fictional idea.

Q: Is this how you get all of the ideas for your work?

A: No, not all my ideas come from books, nor from anecdotes that people tell me. I'm in the process of trying a new idea now and that is to just start writing. I'm not entirely without an idea, but it's not very well defined. In this type of writing, if you have any good fortune, the more you write on this very obscure matter, the more it will clarify itself and take shape.

Q: In other words, you're saying just take some characters and put them into a situa-

tion and see how it builds from that point.

A: More or less. You might have some vague ideas for future situations but nothing that you've really got your mitts on—nothing you've really got straightened out. And, for that matter, you don't know what you'll do with them when you get them in the future, if you ever do.

But sometimes just in the process of writing, as you define an initial situation and see depths in it you had not realized, your eye will sort of be directed by what has been defined by a logical next step. Then those two elements might point to a third. It has a rough kind of equivalence to a chain of logic.

Q: Do you base your characters on real people?

A: I've very rarely used real people as a basis for my stories. Real people have suggested certain qualities, characteristics of characters, but I've never based a character, in a full sense, on someone I know.

I have based a character on the kind of situation somebody I know may be in, but I don't try to follow the lines of that individual's character.

I once based a woman partly on a man in quite different circumstances as to profession. But it was his outlook and attitude and important respects I put into a woman. You make a fictional character of the parts and pieces of the people you've known all your life.

Q: If you were to compile a list of the five top Southern writers, who would they be?

A: The greatest of our Southern writers is surely William Faulkner. He would certainly be number one.

Number two...well there's a lot of competitors for that position. A good candidate might be Katherine Ann Porter, or Eudora Welty.

And I greatly admire the only extended

work of fiction ever done by Allan Tate, *The Fathers*. I consider it one of the best Southern books as Southern works of fiction.

Robert Penn Warren is a good one, though not always.

## Dr. Tom Smith: The Music Man of Auburn

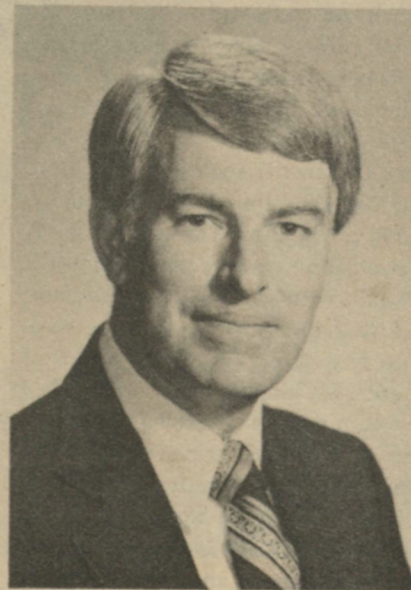
By Mary Ellen Hughes '84

The wood mosaics he created evidence his appreciation of the arts. Even closer to his talents is his hand-made, 16-year-old harpsichord, used most often in Baroque music. The talented art and music lover is Dr. Thomas Smith, music professor and conductor of Auburn's University Singers, Choral Union, and Concert Choir. Dr. Smith came to Auburn 12 years ago and soon founded the University Singers.

Dr. Smith started the Singers in the winter of 1973 to add another dimension to Auburn's music program. The Singers give from 40 to 50 performances per year and are good representatives for the school, says Dr. Smith. The group is more pop and choreography-oriented than the Concert Choir, which concentrates on standard classics and spiritual pieces.

Aside from public relations, Dr. Smith says the three choral organizations fill definite needs on campus: entertainment, experience for students who want to be singers and/or choral conductors, and an outlet for non-music majors to apply musical talents. In fact, fewer than half of the performers are music majors. Yet the department hasn't been lacking in honors, with past engagements at the Southern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association, New York's Rockefeller Center, and Lincoln Center. The University Singers also sing at alumni club meetings and at class reunions.

Being director of three music groups is demanding enough, but Dr. Smith also has the responsibilities of teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses in choral conducting, arranging, literature, and techniques. While he doesn't teach all of these courses in any one quarter, his time is still limited. He could use a secretary, but says he's been lucky in getting good graduate assistant help the last couple of years. Dr. Smith emphasizes his contentment with



Dr. Tom Smith



Auburn, saying, "Any type of satisfaction received from professional music can be received from the students here."

Dr. Smith, a Decatur native who turned 40 in November, inherited his talents and enjoyment of music from his father but also had the experience of a strong music program in church and high school. Dr. Smith attended Samford University, where he majored in church music with a vocal emphasis.

After Samford, he went to the University of Iowa to get his master's in music theory and composition. But Dr. Smith says that he tried to get through his schooling too quickly, so he took a time-out from Iowa and taught for five years at Fairfield High School in Birmingham. He went back during summers and finished his master's, then in the next two years earned a doctorate in choral conducting and literature from the University of Colorado.

Dr. Smith was thrilled with his job offer from Auburn because his dad, Russell Thomas Smith, had attended Auburn, and Dr. Smith says, "I've been an Auburn fan all my life." He added that the Music Department at Auburn has wonderful facilities, and his only real worries are lack of time and money. The choral department receives funding through the regular Music Department budget, through the fall and spring shows' ticket sales, and the Alumni Association helps with alumni club performances. Any overseas trips are basically the students' responsibilities to finance, such as the trip to Europe the Singers and the Concert Choir will be taking in June.

Dr. Smith and Auburn's music groups have performed in a number of countries in the past decade—Romania in 1974, Russia and Poland in 1977, and Guatemala in 1979. Referring to the 1977 trip, he said it was a great responsibility to know he had to look out for 50 students. The audiences were always appreciative, says Dr. Smith, but the cultures differed greatly. The Soviet Union put them under careful restrictions and had KGB people following the group. Dr. Smith said going back to Poland from Russia was like coming back to freedom because there was such a "closed feeling" in Russia.

"The thing that really makes this job

neat is working with students," says Dr. Smith. "The ones we have in our music programs still believe that good things come from working hard."

Yet, as a member of an older generation, Dr. Smith finds fault in some of the musical trends of today: "I really get disturbed at times. Soundwise, what our young people are listening to—well, I worry about their ears, the music's so loud." But he sees popular remakes as an attempt to get back to some of the older styles. Personally, in addition to the classics, he enjoys country music and music with good melodic sounds, such as Barry Manilow—as Dr. Smith says, "music which still has decency."

Dr. Smith and wife Gayle, whom he met at Samford, have two children—five-year-old Marisha, who was named after one of the guides in Poland, and Eron Russell, 6 months.

## Auburn Singers, Concert Choir To Take Auburn Brand of Song To Europe

Auburn University will become internationally known after June when the Auburn University Singers and Concert Choir go to Europe.

Perhaps these groups have more potential than any other within the university for reaching people. Why? The University Singers and Concert Choir share their spirit through the international language of music. However, there's more to the groups than meets the eye (or ear).

Auburn University's concert choir is also an entirely auditioned group, and this year 110 singers from the student body at large represent Auburn on campus, in the community, in the state, in the Southeast—and in Europe, approximately half the group join the AU Singers for the trip June 6-20.

Choral literature performed by the group is both secular and sacred and includes all types of compositions from masses and

motets to folk songs and hymn arrangements.

An additional plus to the literature chosen by Dr. Thomas R. Smith, the conductor, is that it represents every period in music history. For example, the 1984 Spring Tour program included a Renaissance motet by Henrich Schutz and a contemporary version of the familiar text "With a Voice of Singing" by Knut Nystedt.

The choir recently made a professional recording of several patriotic songs to be featured on a record also including selections performed by the Concert Band. A special addition to that recording will be AU's *Alma Mater*, arranged especially for the Choir by Dr. Johnnie Vinson and Dr. Smith. The Choir's performance of "On the rolling plains of Dixie..." marks the first recording of the *Alma Mater* since Auburn's name was changed from Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

"Participating wholeheartedly in something wonderful" is the reason given by one student who was asked about the opportunities associated with Concert Choir. Membership in the choir can indeed be a joyful experience. The tradition of performing a major choral work with the University Orchestra each Christmas is particularly rewarding, as has been the Choir's participation in the Callaway Gardens sunrise Easter services for the past few years.

These rewarding performances come only through hard work and strong dedication. A sunrise service means rising long before the sun. Daily rehearsals and concert performances mean giving up free time—and that can be a major sacrifice on the part of the typical student.

The 1984 Spring Tour took the Choir through many Alabama towns on a heavy two-day concert schedule. "By the time eight o'clock rolls around tonight, you're going to know that you've done five concerts in two days. You may be physically tired; you may be vocally tired. But you've got to get beyond that, and that's up to you."

Dr. Smith's pre-concert "pep talks" usually include a run-down of the music to be performed, but even more important can be his reminder that "It's up to you." The

Choir's *raison d'être* is its audiences. Each member has a gift to give, and as a group the Choir has a potentially tremendous impact on an audience.

So the individuals and the group continue to work. The Choir's Auburn performance this month will consist of six great choral works. After that, all sights will be set on the European tour. Those members who will be part of the tour are, of course, already wondering what the experience will bring. "I'm interested to see what Europeans will think of us," "I hope there will be lots of shops—inexpensive ones, that is," and "I can't wait to try out my French," are all comments which have been made by Choir members. But whatever the individual hopes of the students for the European tour are, there remains a common thread—the goal of the AU Concert Choir; that is, to give to others at least part of the gifts they possess, and in doing so to well represent Auburn University.

A smaller group, University Singers consists of 32 vocalists and 12 instrumentalists. They combine choreography with their wide variety of music to provide a very entertaining show.

The students in the group have different interests, majors, and backgrounds, but they have one thing in common. They love to perform. "Being able to stand up in front of people and sing and dance is the most wonderful feeling," said Jan Gunnels, a senior in early childhood education. "I can go to a concert feeling awful, but before I finish performing, I'm a totally different person."

At each performance, the University Singers have the goal of making at least one person in the audience happy. Matt Moore, a senior in finance and president of the group, said, "A common compliment we receive after a performance is that we've made someone's day better. We received such a compliment from a businessman in New York after we had sung at Lincoln Center."

The University Singers perform for many audiences ranging from alumni to airport managers. The Singers are in great demand and have approximately 50 shows a year. Along with all of these performances, the Singers practice three days a week. The members need to be fully committed to the group due to the fact that much time is demanded.

The reasons for wanting to be in the group vary. "I wanted to be a University Singer because I loved the way the group made me feel inside. I wanted to share that feeling with others," said Kay Weaver. Brenda Austin said that "from the very first time I saw the singers perform I wanted to be a part of the group. It looked so exciting and the expressions on each face during a performance showed how much the singers enjoyed what they were doing. I love to sing so I decided to try out for the group. To my surprise—I made it!"

Penny Martin was "impressed by the enthusiasm of the group and the excitement that it projected. I immediately knew I wanted to be part of it." David Atchley feels that "it's considered quite an accomplishment to be chosen and so the challenge of being in a highly popular group attracted me."

Much of the hard work is done behind the scenes. The process begins with the selection of music by Dr. Smith, the group's conductor. He always selects a variety of



Dr. Tom Smith and the Auburn University Singers.



music that creates a diverse and entertaining show. Each program generally includes Broadway tunes, popular ballads, and other songs which audiences of all ages can enjoy.

University Singers is an auditioned ensemble with emphasis being placed on vocal ability. An audition includes a prepared solo, sight-reading music, and vocal drills. One of the current singers will then teach the prospective member a dance step and Dr. Smith observes the degree of ease that the prospective member learns the step.

Being able to know the left foot from the right is a must with the University Singers. Each song is highlighted by choreography which is taught by members of the group. Greg Stone, one of the choreographers, said "It's according to the difficulty of the piece as to how many choreographers we will have. Different members teach the choreography and this helps prevent repetition in dance steps."

But the show's not ready to begin yet. Add instrumentalists. Orchestrations of each song are arranged by either Dr. Smith or group of members.

Jenny Lauderdale, flutist for the group and a sophomore in public relations, remarked that "one of the most exciting things about being an instrumentalist for the AU Singers is the exposure to such a large number of intense, joyous individuals. It seems the more they sweat, the more they smile and turn an hour of hard work into a celebration. They genuinely love, and best of all, they are contagious."

Yes, the spirit of the singers is contagious. In every show, each performer tries to forget about the pressures of school. This is quite an accomplishment considering the differences among members. "The way in which so many totally different people can combine their various talents into such a professional performance and remain consistent in doing so is very impressive," said David Atchley.

Darin Windham is impressed with the closeness and companionship of the group. He said, "Everyone works well together and this is the reason we get so much done." In fact the "strong feeling of unity that is formed among the members each year is a characteristic of the group that continues year after year," Cas McWaters, a senior in nursing, added.

Cas has been a member of the University Singers for four years and has noted that "the unifying spirit not only gives us the professionalism we strive for but it also instills in us a sense of devotion to the group. Another characteristic that never changes is the opportunity for establishing close personal friendships among the members. People I've met in this group are like family to me."

Susan Godwin saw close friendships develop among Singers when her older brother was a member. In fact, this was one of the reasons she admired the group and wanted to become a part of it. "Seeing how special the group was to my brother made it ever more special for me." Linda Lowery also has an older brother who was in the group. "Many people wish to be a part of the group after seeing the Singers perform, but seeing the positive impact it had on my brother's college days made me want to be a part of such an influential group."

Besides the friendships that emerge within the group, members like other aspects. Penny Martin enjoys "meeting all of the interesting people we sing for. Even



Auburn University Concert Choir

though we do the same material from performance to performance, the audience is continuously changing, making each show a unique experience."

Jim Anderson enjoys learning new songs and new choreography. Shawn Hale and Tammy Saunders both love performing more than any other aspect of the group. "I'm a natural ham and I love the chance to be on stage," Tammy said.

"Having grown up in Auburn, I have known about the University Singers for years," said Jenny Lauderdale. "But being able to become a part of their performances, and especially their message has been for me, as well as for my family, a dream come true."

Susan Godwin's favorite audience are Auburn alums. "Alums are always so enthusiastic and they give us so much support."

## As Long as Men are Ambitious, Fall in Love, Go off to War Then Humanities are Relevant Says Prof.

By Mary Ellen Hughes '84

Society's obsession with productivity has resulted in decreasing emphasis on the humanities, or liberal arts, including such areas as literature, mathematics, history, and philosophy. Many colleges and universities which once centered education around the humanities have now become technical training schools. Dr. Miller Solomon, director of Auburn's freshman English program who was recently named Hollifield Professor, supports the humanities as the only timeless field of study in an ever-changing world. He also reminds the technology-crazed that man is not a machine and cannot escape the relevance of society's commonly shared humanity.

Shortly after being named Hollifield Professor of English, Dr. Solomon talked about the importance and future of the humanities and their current condition.

**Q: Dr. Solomon, what is the future of humanities studies as technology becomes more dominant in our society?**

**A:** I think the humanities are here as long as there are people around because they're concerned with people's humanness. It doesn't matter how machines and computers take over, they aren't people. Science is not people. People are beings that feel, have spiritual and moral impulses, love beauty, hate ugliness. So humanities you'll have in one form or another wherever there are people.

**Q: What are the strengths of the humanities over technology?**

**A:** The essential claim the humanities have is that they are always relevant. They are always in vogue. When a shiver of excitement runs over the academic community because of some new technology, such as computers, in a way it's proof of our naiveté. Pieces of machinery change and, consequently, the training of an individual to use a specific piece of machinery is outdated almost from the day that you do it. Humanities are never outdated. In that same way, wisdom is still wisdom, morality is still morality, truth and beauty are still the same.

**Q: What are the goals of the humanities field?**

**A:** I think that the increasing challenge to the humanities is to keep people from assessing themselves in non-human terms. Even within the ivory tower atmosphere of the university, we as professors are encouraged to treat ourselves like machines. We think of ourselves as being "producing" scholars. There are other metaphors, but they're all drawn from the world of technology and machinery, as though that's what we are. The humanities are there to remind us that we're not primarily machines and that when we start assessing ourselves in those mechanistic terms we forfeit our humanness.

**Q: Anything else?**

**A:** I also hope the humanities can give us some kind of equilibrium, some kind of perspective, so that we can look upon the moment we live in and see the accidentals there. If we had lived a hundred years earlier they wouldn't have been there at all.

For instance, it's almost impossible for a young person coming to college now to envision a world without stereos, TV, etc. But people a hundred years ago were pretty much the same as today. They still found the sunset beautiful, they still fell in love, they still were ambitious, they still marched off to war if you played a martial tune.

So I think that putting people in tune with the abiding aspects of their nature is therapeutic. It's healthful. It re-emphasizes what they really are. They're not an extension of the stereo; they're not hooked up to a Sony Walkman. And to the extent that we can free ourselves from these accidentals and fully realize the best in our own nature—I think that that's what our health consists of.

**Q: Why did you choose to study in the humanities?**

**A:** I hated school until I spent three years in the military overseas and I came back and went to college as quickly as I could because I recognized how wonderful it was to be allowed to exist in a world of ideas, a world where people were curious, were excited about political events, new films, a world in which people had things to say that made sense—or tried to make sense. They weren't just repeating old prejudices one after another. It was such an exciting place to be a human being—so opposite of the deadening routine of military life or what I perceived most jobs to be like, that I said to myself, "I want to go back to school and if it's what I think it is I will stay there until I die." Because that's where the most people were doing the most thinking and feeling. I just saw school as a way to get the most intense and humanly productive life going—simultaneously. But the same choice may not apply to others. I like the intellectual exchange. I like reading and discussing and this is the perfect environment.

**Q: Dr. Solomon, as author of a soon-to-be completed book on Alexander Pope's "Essay on Man," how do you feel about the need for college professors to publish?**

**A:** Scholarship should be a by-product of what should really be occurring at a university. A university is a place for professors to bring before students the best that's being



followed and written and together to explore it. And then if the professor just gets such great ideas of his own that he can't resist putting them into print, he probably still shouldn't do it. But certainly when he does it, it should be an irresistible impulse to share what he's discovered with somebody else. It shouldn't be a quantification or production imposed on him by the administration wanting to prove that it has producing scholars. That's inimical to excellence in the classroom.

How many professors I see who could be excellent classroom teachers, who could give so much time to their students and would enjoy doing it! But they have to tell their students, "I'm only available in my office for these hours." The rest of the time they need to go to the library or to be at home researching and publishing, because that's what gets you promoted and paid more at a university. Nobody knows how well you teach. Sad but true, and particularly true if you get tenure. There is some perfunctory looking at your teaching prior to that but not after getting tenure. And human beings, being the weak creatures that they are, tend to do what they're being watched to do. Consequently, many graduates and undergraduates get such miserable teachers and miserable classroom situations that the university becomes a mockery of what it ought to be. You're very lucky at Auburn. To my knowledge, we have a good faculty.

**Q:** *How do the humanities compare to other curricula on campus?*

**A:** The humanities are the only disciplines in the university that are preparing one for a better quality of life, rather than simply a greater quantity of things. Almost every other force in the student's life is concentrating his attention on the immediate.

**Q:** *How do these other forces affect the students?*

**A:** The students end up in a paradoxical situation. They graduate from the university and the people who come around and hire say, "Well, I'm not too much concerned with exactly what you learned because everything you learned is going to be outdated anyway. We'll train you." For the first time students come against this and say, "Wait a second. Why did I learn all these details?"

**Q:** *Why did the student learn all the details?*

**A:** He was caught up in the rage toward the immediate end instead of recognizing what industry really wants, which is people that are not so parochial that they can't have a new idea. I think that's also the province of the humanities—to cultivate the mind, to make one think more clearly, more coherently. The less parochial, time-bound that a student is the better he is able to deal with whatever world is really there when he gets out.

**Q:** *How do you account for the change from a literary society to a technical one?*

**A:** One reason is that a lot more people go to college now. It used to be that you didn't train your technicians by sending them to college. College was an elite education.

Another reason is that we have encouraged the notion that one of the main purposes of going to college is to get a job—a specific job. That is different from a notion of getting a basic undergraduate education, to say you're competent in the arts and sciences. Then you can go in whichever

direction you want to. You went to graduate school to specialize.

We have let the graduate model seep down into the undergraduate curriculum and corrupt it. We have gotten away from using those four years of college to give well-rounded, fully-developed, various skills to the students. We have prematurely specialized ourselves. We pay lip service to some kind of core liberal arts curriculum, but what we forget is that it used to be *all* that.

**Q:** *How do the students feel about the curriculum structure?*

**A:** It isn't that way because students want it that way. It's that way because they're told when they come to college, "This is the way it is. Do it." To pretend there's any freedom of choice at the student level is just ridiculous. What they have a choice between is one kind of vocational training or another if they want to be an engineer.

**Q:** *How does the university relate to society as a whole?*

**A:** A university just reflects the society in which it exists. Our society is one that is hungry for technocrats—people to fill the ranks, wherever the occupational demand is. Universities are looked upon as providing grounds for business and industry. What gets lost sight of entirely is the whole notion of the adaptive individual who can think and act for himself creatively, intelligently. And you get programmed into ever-smaller, less meaningful ways of educating yourself.

**Q:** *Will society cycle back to a time when it appreciates humanities?*

**A:** I doubt that we will because I expect the end of the world before that time. I don't think there has ever been a weapons system developed that has not been fully utilized. The finest product of technological art is the bomb. Let's just ride them wherever they take us. I'd hate to buck progress. My answers to this question are, of course, sadly ironical.

I certainly don't see any indication at the present that we are in for a period of renewed interest in the humanities. I think it's more likely that very shortly people who can read and write will become increasingly valuable as those skills become less available.

**Q:** *How does the liberal arts student perceive the technologically-bent individual?*

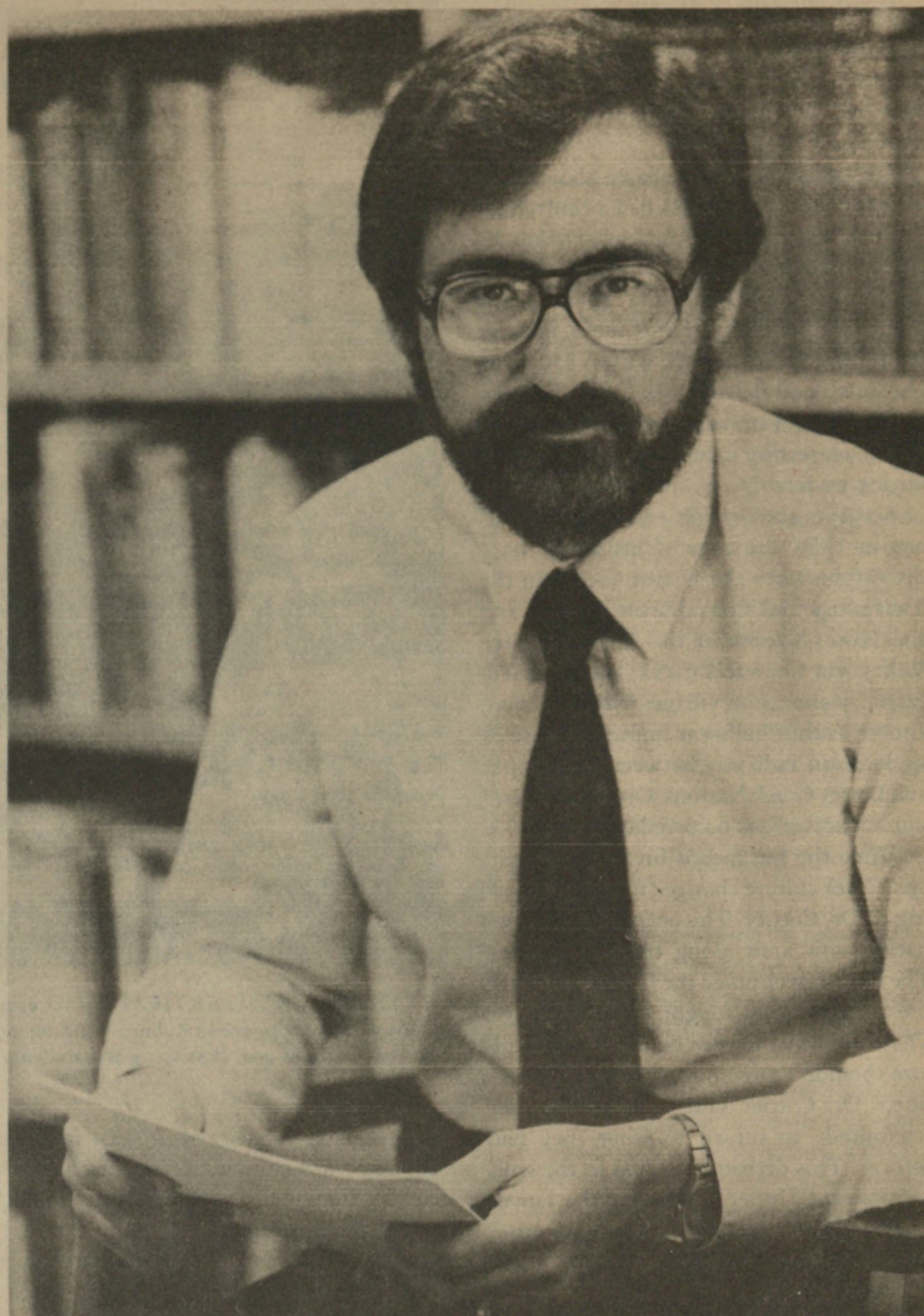
**A:** Naturally, the liberal arts major sees the technical major as narrow, mechanistic, unimaginative, boring.

**Q:** *How does the engineer perceive the liberal arts student?*

**A:** I think the engineering major would look at the liberal arts student and see him/her as not productive—all of the analogies that come from that metaphor of weighing yourself like a machine. He would say, "You won't be able to earn as much money and I'm glad because you don't deserve it. You can't do anything that's useful. You're a wimp."

**Q:** *In what ways do you find harmony between the two views?*

**A:** They both alone, as stereotypical opposites, are inadequate. You need to bring both of them together in a richer view of reality. Obviously, it's necessary to produce or you're not going to be able to eat anything. But there are hungers other than that of the stomach that need to be satisfied. There's a hunger for justice, a hunger for truth, and a hunger for beauty.



**HOLLIFIELD PROFESSOR**—Dr. Miller Solomon is Auburn's newest Hollifield Professor of English Literature.  
—Photo by Jim Killian

The engineer and the humanities major have a common humanity that's a whole lot larger than anything else. So if they build upon that commonness, they ought to be crazy not to be able to live in harmony.

**Q:** *What are the obstacles to this harmony?*

**A:** Of course, people have such giant egos and are so intolerant and fanatical in advocating their own point of view, that sometimes they're unable to appreciate their common humanity.

**Q:** *How would you explain the importance of English to an entering freshman?*

**A:** I would say that I think this class is offering exactly what you want and need. It's a course in careful thinking, in tutoring you to be able to clearly recognize what you think and then to enunciate it to somebody so that they can understand what you're saying. I'm also going to focus you thematically in our readings in this course so you're dealing with sex and love, ambition, racism, whatever is humanly important. To prove relevance I just have to say, "Have you ever been in love? Do you want a date? Do you ever feel lonely? Are those important feelings? Do feelings matter to you?"

There's also a virtue in a community reading things in common. You may have all had feelings of loneliness on your own before. Yet, there's something about coming together and acknowledging that feeling that forms a human community instead of an aggregate of alienated individuals. By and large the argument would rely on this:

"What do you think you are?" If the answer is "a human being," then the humanities are relevant.

**Q:** *What if the student remains unconvinced?*

**A:** Some people are vain and impenetrably stupid. They're not going to listen to these things. My calling as a humanist is to try to get them to recognize and cultivate their humanness. If they won't, that's not going to hurt my sense of purpose at all. I fear those people who miss the boat may live and die in ignorance. That happens to a lot of people. But whether they think they need it or not, whether they think they're people or machines, that doesn't make them any the less people. It just makes them ignorant people. So I believe totally in what I'm doing as a humanist because it's keeping us in touch with being human persons.

## AU Archeologists Concentrate on Learning About Indians who Once Lived in Auburn

By Glenn Eskew

With thousands of artifacts left to catalogue, Auburn archaeologists Dr. John Cottier '64 and Dr. Gregory Waselkov continue working on a research project about



the Creek Indian frontier in Alabama. The study, concerned with the changes a culture undergoes when it comes in contact with another culture, looks at how the Creeks changed when the Europeans came to America.

DeSoto arrived in Alabama about 1540. At that time, the Creeks had a centralized society, with chieftains instead of tribes. By 1680, diseases such as smallpox, which the Europeans unintentionally gave to the Indians, killed many of the Creeks. Because of the European contact, within 150 years the once centralized Creek nation had dissolved into remnant groups of Indian tribes, clustering in smaller areas without strong leadership.

According to Dr. Cottier, the Creek Indians in 1730, the time of his study, were divided between the Upper Creeks in the Tallapoosa and Coosa River Valleys and the Lower Creeks in the Chattahoochee Valley. On Chewacla Creek, near Auburn, exists a site of a village which became known as the "half-way house" because of its location half-way between the Upper and Lower Creek Nations. One of Auburn's initial excavations occurred on this site.

When the Europeans invaded the Indians, Creek culture changed forever, according to Dr. Cottier. The once unified Creek nation now split along traditional lines. The liberals welcomed the Europeans while the conservatives fought against change. The traditional Creeks believed that "culture shouldn't move so fast in such a direction," Dr. Cottier said, adding that they attempted "to return to what they had before." This division resulted in the split between the Upper Creeks and the Lower Creeks. The Upper Creeks became more traditional and the Lower Creeks more liberal.

These two large diverse groups created the loose Creek confederacy. Both groups spoke the same language but had different backgrounds. The clan, the most important element of Creek society, contained the most unified organization. The clans consisted of large kinship organizations whose members would share in the honor and the disgrace of the clan or clan member, according to Dr. Cottier.

As a matriarchal society, the Creek females carried the membership into a clan. The women owned the fields and handled the farming. European traders could marry into a clan and become more influential depending on the strength of that clan. These traders would call their wives "sleeping dictionaries" according to Dr. Waselkov, because the Europeans could learn the language faster by marrying an Indian. Women in Creek society had more property rights than those in the colonies at the same time, he added.

Often located in bottom lands, Creek villages and towns centered on agriculture. The Creeks "chose areas that flooded regularly so that they wouldn't have to rotate crops," Dr. Waselkov said. The Creeks used a different method of cultivation because they would mix the crops together, often growing corn, squash, and sunflowers on the same plot, according to Dr. Waselkov. They also cultivated watermelons, introduced from Africa by the Spanish, as well as Old World peaches and apples. Dr. Waselkov found peach pits on the site, which shows that the Creeks had peaches by 1730. Also, the Creeks cultivated for food some plants that we today consider weeds.



**STUDYING CREEK ARTIFACTS**—A group of Auburn archeologists have been studying the Creek Indian civilization in the Auburn area, a study that is very appropriate as Auburn is located on land once owned by the Creeks. For Dr. Gregory Waselkov (left), Dr. John Cottier (center) and their assistant Brian Wood, classifying and studying the artifacts takes longer than the actual excavation.

—Photo by Jay Sailors

The Creeks considered tobacco important, Dr. Waselkov says, often mixing cultivated tobacco with wild sumac to smoke on special occasions. The first appearance of the peace pipe was in the early 1600s and could have been a reaction to the presence of the Europeans. There existed customs around the smoking of the *calumet* or peace pipe. The Creeks smoked when they had important decisions to make, he added.

Another custom of the Creeks concerned the consumption of the "black drink." Important people used this drink, made from the holly and very high in caffeine, during important events. Dr. Waselkov explains that the Indian would drink the "black drink" then regurgitate, thus cleansing himself spiritually.

He refutes the myth about Indians being dirty. They swept their villages, cleaned up the garbage and piled it in trash pits; and for their own purity, the men would sit in sweat lodges then jump in the river, according to Dr. Waselkov.

Despite the cultural similarities, the split between the more conservative and the more liberal elements in the Creek nation resulted in a civil war pitting the Upper Creeks against the Lower Creeks. This civil war brought Andrew Jackson to Alabama. According to Dr. Waselkov, the Upper Creeks, called the "red sticks" opposed the European influences in Creek culture and by the time of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814, the Upper Creeks had quit using guns and returned to bows and arrows. Taking advantage of the Indian disunity, Jackson defeated the Creeks and within a few decades had them removed from Alabama and relocated on reservations in Oklahoma. Today only a few Creek Indians live in Alabama, according to Dr. Cottier, and they form the Creek Nation East of the Mississippi River, headquartered in Poarch, Alabama, near Mobile.

During their research, the archaeolo-

gists accidentally stumbled on a Creek war site—or so they thought. The artifacts differed from those found in other villages by consisting mainly of weapons. Generally the archeology team studies the garbage and trash the Indians left behind. The garbage tells a story and shows an overall view of the Indians, thus giving a broader perspective of the Creeks in certain periods of time, Dr. Cottier explains.

One of the goals of the excavation, to find out when the Creeks started using domestic animals, has been achieved. For instance, Dr. Waselkov knows they used chickens by 1730. Other data is yet to be determined because processing the artifacts takes quite a while. "While one person washes all the thousands of artifacts, I'm trying to write up part of the record and analyze the artifacts," explains Dr. Waselkov. Although pieces of pottery remain the most dominant of artifacts found, the archaeologists' study has shown that by 1730, "guns had become more important," and Dr. Waselkov added, by the 1750s, guns had replaced bows and arrows.

Similarities between what happened to the Creek Indians here in Alabama and what has been happening in Iran can be

drawn, according to Dr. Cottier, who added that "Iran has gone back to traditional dress, traditional food, and a stronger religious belief." After the contact with the Europeans, many Creeks returned to the traditional ways.

Located near Ware in Elmore County on property owned by the Dozier family, the site has provided many artifacts of value to the archaeologists. Of most value, however, is the actual subject of the study because the Creek Indians have been ignored for so long. "The Creeks are so important to the history of the Southeast," Dr. Cottier said, adding that "no one has done anything like this before."

The National Science Foundation financed the project, and Dr. Cottier and Dr. Waselkov have been working with fellow archaeologist Dr. Craig T. Sheldon, Jr., of AUM on it for the past year. A report, due in December, will detail their findings and emphasize the importance of this study to Auburn University, the state of Alabama, and the study of American Indians as a whole. Auburn has the only archaeology department in the state which focuses on the Creek Indians, and rightfully so—the university sits on land that once belonged to the Creek Indians.

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# Inauguration

## GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Martin, I have the manifold honor of bringing you greetings from the tens of thousands who are Auburn University—students, faculty, staff and alumni. This is a responsibility undertaken with pleasure, but with the full realization that no single spokesman can express adequately the combined welcome and expectation of the vast community of dedicated people who comprise this great institution in all its diverse functions.

You know from earlier experience that it is easy to feel welcome at Auburn, from which a special hospitality emanates.

Auburn students extend a hearty welcome, keenly aware that this hospitable spirit inspires them as they assimilate Auburn's proud history and encourages them to take full advantage of all the institution has to offer in their preparation for life. It is in our students that this spirit finds self-renewal—nurtured by the past and replenishing the wellspring for the future. Therein lies a hope, a challenge, an inspiration, and an expectation: that an ever larger number of the most capable students from this State and region will have the opportunity to enroll at Auburn to pursue excellence in scholarship, to enhance their understanding of humane values, and to develop their capabilities for leadership and service.

The Auburn faculty, in expressing sincere welcome, covenant with you this day their full cooperation and energies in the further building of this dynamic house of learning. Your recognition of a faculty's centrality in determining the nature of a university's environment augurs well for Auburn's future, for it is the quality and sensitivity of the faculty that determine the tone and tenor of the institution—its degree of excellence and the joy of its pursuit.

The staff, likewise, extend greetings and commit themselves to full support of your efforts to enhance the quality of the varied programs in which they play such vital roles.

Auburn alumni, nearly 100,000 in number, take special pleasure in welcoming you as President. You need not be reminded of the impressive contributions of Auburn alumni in all areas of human endeavor, from every corner of this State, throughout the nation and around the world—indeed, to the reaches of outer space. Wherever they have gone, and whatever they have done, Auburn men and women for generations have shared a common bond of love for, and commitment to, this University. Our alumni have demonstrated in innumerable ways their appreciation for what Auburn has done for them and their determination that she be able to do even more for the generations who follow. We pledge to help you achieve your goals for Auburn, for they are really our dreams for her.

Mr. President—the entire Auburn family greet you joyfully today. Because, in the words of Thomas Jefferson, we



**BADGE OF OFFICE**—As President James E. Martin kneels, Gov. George Wallace puts the president's medallion around his neck during inauguration ceremonies on April 27.

—Photo by Jay Sailors

*"...Look to the diffusion of light and education as the resource most to be relied on for ameliorating the condition, promoting the virtues, and advancing the happiness of man,"*

we look to you for the inspiring and visionary leadership that will bring Auburn nearer to our ideal of a great university.

—W.S. Bailey '42

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS James E. Martin

Governor Wallace, members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students of Auburn University, alumni, distinguished guests and friends—we are assembled today to participate in the beginning of a new administrative era following a 128-year history of educational service by the institution now known as Auburn University. During its illustrious and productive his-

tory, Auburn University has directly influenced or indirectly affected the lives of practically every citizen of Alabama and many in the region. More recently, it has developed a widely regarded reputation for high-quality undergraduate and graduate resident instruction, a growing applied and basic research program, and public service programs which have given it state, regional, national, and international visibility as a comprehensive university as well as Alabama's premier land-grant university. In addition, Auburn University has earned distinction as a friendly campus, having a dedicated faculty and staff, a highly-intelligent student body, an ideal educational environment in the "Loveliest Village of the Plains," and the pervasive Auburn spirit that alumni and friends feel deeply, but find difficult to translate adequately into words. Thus, each of us views this institution from a different perspective, possessing our own individual definition of Auburn University.

Dr. Arthur G. Hanson, Chancellor of the

Texas A&M University, shared John Masefield's definition of a university with me on the occasion of this inauguration. To provide a common definition consider Masefield's words,

*"There are few earthly things more splendid than a university...it is a place where those who hate ignorance may strive to know...where those who perceive truth may strive to make others see...where seekers and learners alike, banded together in the search for knowledge, will honor thought in all its finer ways...There are few earthly things more splendid than a university...Wherever a university stands, it stands and shines; where it exists, the free minds of men, urged on to full and fair inquiry, may still bring wisdom into human affairs."*

Auburn University is certainly such a place, and has served in a most admirable fashion all who have walked its hallowed halls or otherwise benefited from its existence.

Today, Auburn University officially recognizes new administrative leadership. The opportunity to serve this fine institution, and the citizens of Alabama, as Auburn University's fourteenth president represents the highest honor which could be bestowed upon an alumnus. In accepting this tremendous challenge, I draw great comfort from the certain knowledge that the dedicated efforts of the past have produced the strong and dynamic university which exists today. I also draw strength from the confidence that, within its people, Auburn possesses the qualities which will assure continued progress to prominence.

I leave to the historians the task of assessing the quality and quantity of Auburn University's past contributions to society. This history will highlight unique individual achievements by Auburn's faculty and alumni, numerous significant contributions to man's knowledge through its research, and thousands of citizens whose lives have been enriched because of our cooperative extension, public service and continuing education programs. Also included will be a description of the growth in the size of the faculty, the student body, the number of new degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, the new facilities for instruction and research in engineering and the biological, natural and social sciences, and expanded programs in the arts and humanities. It will document Auburn's contributions to the social and economic development of the state and region through its outreach programs and services to youth, adults, individual firms and businesses, and professional organizations and commodity groups. It will include the development of an urban campus, Auburn at Montgomery, and the beginning of this campus' contributions to education in the Montgomery area. Most importantly, it will recognize the emergence of Auburn as a national university of distinction.

We can do nothing to change the facts surrounding Auburn's first 128 years. We



can neither enhance nor detract from those accomplishments which are already a matter of record. It is our task, however, to undertake the planning which will build upon Auburn's sound foundation and previous accomplishments. I believe the ingredients are present for Auburn to make even greater contributions, assuming a leading role in today's rapidly-expanding, high-technology and knowledge-oriented society.

The maximization of future contributions by Auburn University will require the development and execution of a plan for its future. It has been said that no individual or group plans to fail. However, society is filled with groups of individuals and institutions who failed to plan. Because Auburn is such a unique assembly of people and facilities, and because it can have such a significant impact on society, a well-developed plan for the future is essential. To be effective, any such plan for Auburn's future should include consideration of ten basic areas.

First, a review of internal governance and communication within the university is essential. Sound management in modern times will require that all university constituents participate fully in developing recommendations for administrative consideration. Provision should be made for improved communications to enhance the understanding and commitment of the faculty, staff and students to the goals which are established for the university's future.

Second, a review of the administrative structure and organization of the university should consider new combinations of disciplines, personnel, staff, and equipment and facilities which would strengthen the programs of the university. The review should consider renaming several schools as colleges, the possible upgrading of one or more departments to school status, and the establishment of new departments. A plan for such organizational changes could improve efficiency with respect to the use of existing educational resources and enhance the continued growth and quality of the university's research program for extramural support.

Third, the university should conclude its current review of its academic calendar and commit itself to a plan of action and calendar which produces the most efficient use of faculty time and university resources. The question of whether Auburn is to remain on a quarter system or convert to a semester system should be resolved early in the planning process.

Fourth, the university must continue its tradition of providing the region's highest-quality instruction. This commitment should involve plans for greater supervision and contact between senior faculty and freshman and sophomore students. Contact should include not only more senior faculty teaching lower division courses, but provisions for additional time for faculty-advising of students. These changes imply additional resources for new faculty needed to reduce the existing high student-faculty ratios in several disciplines.

Fifth, we must embrace a plan which will lead to expanded programs of applied and basic research. With proper incentives and an improved and equitable faculty evaluation and reward system, Auburn University will move to become one of the top fifty research universities in the nation. This strengthened research program would



**DURING CEREMONY**—Fourteenth president James E. Martin, left, and Thirteenth President Wilford E. Bailey, during Inauguration ceremonies. Dr. Bailey represented the University to welcome Dr. Martin as the new president.

generate increased grant and contract activity, which in turn would support a more ambitious graduate program and contribute positively to the state's economy. Such a program also would serve as a catalyst in attracting to Alabama new technology firms and employers. I envision our grant and contract research program doubling during the next five years. If we succeed, our faculty would create the equivalent of a new \$16 million annual research industry through our grants program.

Sixth, to support the additional faculty involved in the instructional program, the expanded research programs, and the new graduate students employed in the research programs, consideration must be given in our plan to the expansion of our library and computer resources. I am committed to the goal of having our library qualify for membership in the Association of Research Libraries by 1990. ARL membership of our library will enhance the instruction, research, and public service programs of the university. We must also explore new avenues of providing access to sufficient computer equipment so as to ensure "computer literacy" of our graduates and adequate computer capacity for our research scientists.

Seventh, our plan must contain provisions for strengthening our general extension and continuing education programs. Continuing education facilities are needed in Auburn to support workshops, seminars, and conferences. We must forge new models for cooperative relationships with businesses and industry. Our school of business can provide leadership in this endeavor. Auburn University possesses tremendous capability for expanded programs of educational assistance at the state, regional, national, and international levels. However, adequate facilities for such purposes are essential if this potential is to be realized. In addition, methods of easing the process of matriculation between Alabama's junior and community colleges and

Auburn University will continue to be explored.

Eighth, professional programs, such as agriculture, architecture, engineering, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine, are extremely important for Auburn University and for the state's economy. These programs provide instruction for the majority of the baccalaureate and graduate degrees awarded in these professions in Alabama. Thus, we have a special obligation to

ensure the highest level of quality in these programs.

Ninth, Auburn's plan must include provisions for a continued increase in its endowment funds from private and corporate sources, since it is unlikely that state-assisted universities will ever be provided resources by the federal or state governments adequate to support the highest quality of education. The Auburn Generations Fund, our current capital campaign, has proved that alumni and others view this institution as a worthy place to invest resources for the future. Additional endowment funds are critical if we are to provide educational opportunities in the form of scholarships for outstanding students and a student environment most conducive to quality instruction.

Tenth, and perhaps most important, faculty and staff are vital ingredients to the quality of our programs, and we must develop plans for professional renewal through sabbatical leaves, off-campus opportunities with other university and industry colleagues, and appropriate consulting assignments. A strong professional renewal program is essential if Auburn is to remain competitive in attracting and retaining outstanding faculty and staff.

As we chart a course for Auburn's future, these ten elements of our plan must be refined. They must be defined in quantifiable terms of resource requirements and identifiable results within a specific time frame. Only by stating our goals in measurable terms can we assess our progress, with respect to achieving the desirable margin of excellence in Auburn's instruction, research and extension programs.

Those of us privileged to serve this institution must recognize our accountability to the citizens of Alabama, our responsibility to our students, and our potential to add strength and quality to the programs of an already outstanding university. In fact,



**SPECIAL GUESTS**—The new president's mother, Mrs. E. B. Martin, chats with Dr. George Emert, Auburn's new executive vice president during the inauguration luncheon.



with continued increases in state support of the magnitude recommended to the Alabama Legislature by Governor Wallace, we must intensify efforts to improve the non-state support along with the quality of our programs.

The development and execution of a well-conceived plan will generate returns which far exceed the value of the resources expended. Auburn University indeed can become Alabama's unquestioned center for the application of wisdom to the many dimensions of human affairs on a state, regional, national, and international level. To this end I pledge my full support to the Board of Trustees, the citizens of Alabama, the faculty and staff, students, and Auburn's alumni and friends. I further pledge my full cooperation to those individuals and organizations whose mutual interests are development of the teaching, research, and service programs which will elevate an excellent Auburn University to a preeminent institution.

I accept the presidential medallion, this beautiful and highly significant symbol of the Office of President, Auburn University. The medallion has deep meaning for me: It was designed and struck by an Auburn faculty member, and another faculty member chose the quotation inscribed thereon. From William Butler Yeats, it reads,

"Truth flourishes where the student's lamp has shone."

Though I return to Auburn as president, I stand before you today also as student: one who is committed not only to a continuing educational process of his own, but one who also is dedicated to the study and translation of Auburn's enormous potential into a great university.

I ask all of you, in this sense, to become "students of Auburn" and to join me in this happy task of dedication and discovery. Ann and I are delighted to be back at home in Alabama and in Auburn and are extremely optimistic about Auburn's future.

## Land-Grant Head Looks at Present And Future of The State University In Inaugural Speech

By Edward J. Bloustein,  
President, Rutgers University

I am pleased to be able to join you here at Auburn University, one of America's great state research universities, and I am delighted to participate in honoring Dr. James E. Martin on his inauguration as the fourteenth president of Auburn.

I intend to speak to you today about the future of the Nation's state research universities, but, with your sufferance, I would like to begin with some brief general observations on the nature of social change.

Many of us unconsciously assume on occasion that one or another part of the world we cherish bears the mark of eternity, and the experience suffuses warmth and comfort. It is an attitude of mind which nourishes not only personal contentment, but loyalty, and social and political stability as well.



Dr. James E. Martin, Fourteenth President of Auburn University.

But Charles Darwin taught us long ago to beware lest the emotional and political comfort we thus indulge not be mistaken for rational and scientific appraisal. A faculty colleague of mine, George Levine, recently took the occasion to observe that Darwinism is as much a way of thinking as it is a theory of biology. It tells us that the Platonic search for eternal essences and final causes may not be as important to our understanding of the world in which we live as the study of origins and change. Darwin, said my colleague, "seems to have domesticated change" as a tool of intellectual insight.

Some of you may remember that magisterial last sentence of *The Origin of The Species*:

"There is a grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved."

In the beginning, almost a century and a quarter ago, the primal land-grant college and state university was a simple form. But "whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity" new forms of land-grant colleges and state universities, "forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved." Although I cannot assure you with any confidence, as Darwin did, of "a grandeur" in this view of the life of state universities, I ask you now to follow their pattern of evolution with me.

Our state universities were conceived in the Jeffersonian populist tradition of education for democratic citizenship. Although brought forth into the world in a national framework by the federal Land-Grant Acts of 1862 and 1890, they were chartered by the states in the service of local public needs. They educated, primarily at the undergraduate level, a relatively small

number of each state's own young men and women, particularly in agriculture and engineering. Indeed, a distinguished historian has characterized their beginnings as a flourish of state "boosterism." Their form and finances, no less than what they did and aspired to, bespoke their local origins and intentions.

How our state universities have changed, grown, and prospered! They currently educate millions of students, from within their own states and from without, citizens and foreigners alike, in the fullest range of graduate and professional, no less than undergraduate, programs. Moreover, together with some twenty-five leading independent research universities, they conduct perhaps 80 percent of all of the basic research in the United States—research vital to national prosperity as well as the national security. They still serve state pride, to be sure, but they do it by undertaking a national mission, with increasing amounts of their financial support coming from the national budget.

Four simultaneous, intersecting, and interactive conditions, operating slowly and insensibly over long years, but conspicuously and at a gallop since the end of the Second World War, have remade our state universities. Exponential growth in everything they are and do, a profound change in the other types of colleges and universities in the Nation, completely new and surprisingly mixed forms of financial support, and a transformed American economy dependent as never before on knowledge, in general, and science, in particular—these factors combined have served as a powerful engine of transformation of our state universities. Let me turn to speak of each of these conditions in some detail.

First, see what the fruits of the expansion of state universities have been. All the colleges and universities of the Nation have extended their scope, but the state universities have done so at a particularly quickened pace. The increase in the numbers of their students and of their faculty, in the size and variety of their programs, and of their physical facilities, is startling. In

enrollment alone, from 1960 to 1980, these institutions more than doubled, going from 1,000,000 to 2,150,000 students.

More startling than enrollment growth has been the change in the character of the student population served. In the early history of the land-grant movement, as I have indicated, students came primarily for an undergraduate education, and they came predominantly from the rural areas in which individual state universities were located, rural areas to which they intended to return after graduation.

This early homogeneity of student population and purpose has by now been completely transformed. Beginning in the aftermath of World War II, with the generation of returning veterans, and continuing through the aftermath of the Civil Rights Movement of the '60s, with the generation of minority students, and students of urban America's working classes, an enlarged and manifestly more diverse student population sought educational alternatives and programs never before considered within the province of the traditional state university. Moreover, they came from further and further afield nationally and internationally, and many intended to wander still further after graduation.

A larger, better prepared, more diverse, and more specialized faculty came into the state universities to serve this new student population and their new needs. Whereas the state universities were at one time predominantly institutions for undergraduate study, with a smattering of research, graduate, and professional programs, during the period since World War II, this emphasis has been virtually reversed. Measured by the academic qualification of their faculty, the magnitude and sophistication of the research they undertake, and the portion of it which is externally funded, measured by published research, by the multiplication of the number of post-baccalaureate programs and students, and by the growth of libraries and laboratories—judged by any or all these factors, the state universities of the '80s must be seen as mutations, rather than simply as lineal descendants of the state universities of the last century.

If we look to the more general environment of higher education, we can discover a second strand of change to which the state universities have responded. In most states of the Nation, there was a time when the state university was the only institution in which a poor student, or one with moderate income, could enroll in an undergraduate liberal arts program. This is no longer so.

The '50s and '60s saw the growth of an entirely new two-year public community college system in which a liberal arts program became available at low cost. These decades also witnessed the transformation of the system of state teacher colleges or normal schools into 4-year liberal arts colleges which provide very, very broad access. Finally, the '50s and '60s also spawned important developments in our independent colleges and universities; new ones, with little or no endowment, sprang up with the purpose of providing low-cost education to students who would have formerly attended state universities. At the same time, the more traditional independent colleges and universities began to assume the burden of providing access to students of poor or moderate income through endowment and other sources of



financial aid. The scale of what has happened is shown by these comparisons: in 1960, community colleges enrolled 400,000 students; in 1980, they enrolled 4,330,000. During the same period, state college enrollment grew from 750,000 to nearly 3,000,000, and private sector enrollment rose from 1,470,000 to 2,640,000.

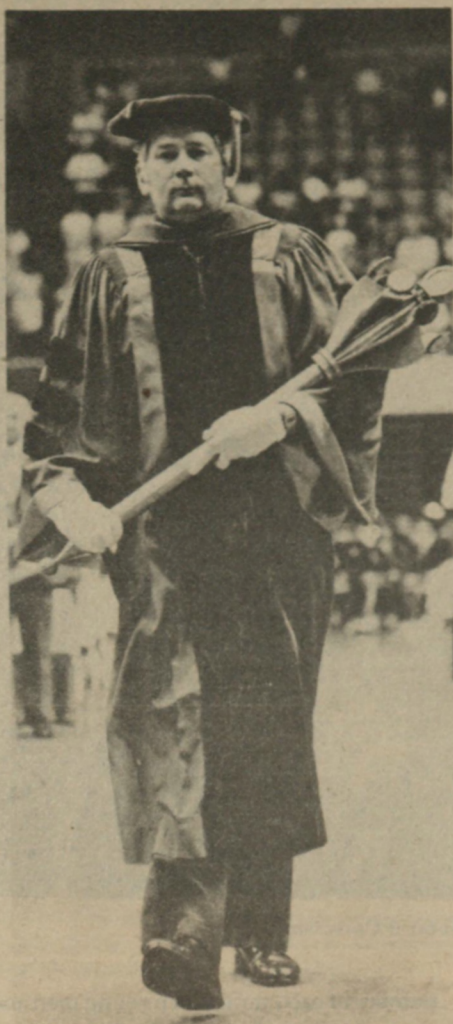
The transformation of the surrounding landscape of higher education has affected powerfully both the composition of the student body and the public service mission of the state university. The community and the state colleges now enroll many of the undergraduates who would have formerly enrolled in the state universities. In turn, state universities now have the choice of enlarging the enrolled proportion of the best high school graduates. In turn, this more academically select student body heads more often than in the past for graduate and professional education, and increasingly, as well, these students are recruited on a national, even an international, scale.

Public service, which was once the almost exclusive purview of the state university, is now shared widely with all other segments of higher education. The community and state colleges have adopted much of the previous training mission of the state universities at the non-credit and certificate level. Likewise, large and small independent institutions, searching for state and federal financial support, and attempting to maximize the benefit to be derived from their research efforts, have now incorporated into their missions many aspects of the public service role formerly undertaken by state universities.

Besides the new centrality of research in state universities, and the marked change in other sectors of higher education, a third factor—the development of a multiplicity of funding sources—has also been at work in transforming the state university system. Large-scale federal financial support of research programs which stimulate industrial growth and provide for the national defense has been awarded without regard to whether an institution is state supported or independent. This catholicity of federal support has accelerated the trend towards concentration on research which was already at work in the state universities, and as important, it vastly expanded the non-state resources expended within those universities. Whereas they were once supported almost exclusively by one source of tax dollars, today there are two such sources.

On the other hand, federally supported student aid programs undertaken since the end of World War II have not only expanded the proportion of federal dollars in state university budgets, they have also begun to bring a significant proportion of tax dollars into the budgets of independent colleges and universities. In 1960, the U.S. Office of Education had \$25 million available in student aid; in 1980, the figure was \$4.3 billion for Pell Grants and campus based programs (NDSL, SEOG, CWSP), granted without regard to whether a student is enrolled in a public or independent college or university. Some large portion, \$1.8 billion, or 42.7 percent, of that total is expended in independent institutions of higher education.

In order to provide students with freedom of choice of enrollment between public and independent institutions, many states have also provided financial aid to students of independent institutions. The vast increase in federal and state student



**LEADING PARADE**—Sid James, University marshal, leads the procession into the coliseum for the inauguration of Dr. Martin.

tuition assistance programs, and the enormous federal expenditure for research, must be seen in the larger context of state programs of direct institutional aid to independent institutions, and of the financial subsidy afforded to public and independent institutions alike by a federal tax system which provides that charitable gifts are given on, and university endowment earns income on, a tax-free basis which is another large-scale subsidy to independent institutions.

To be sure, there was a time when the state universities were almost exclusively state funded; when they received few federal tax dollars, either directly or as a result of the tax benefits of private giving and non-taxable earnings on endowment. This was also a time when tuition at public institutions was low or non-existent, and when independent institutions had little or no state or federal support, directly or indirectly. But what's the situation now?

Typically, state universities now receive only 20 to 40 percent of their support from state revenues, with the remainder divided between fees—now frequently above 30 percent of educational cost—and federal or private sources. Just as typically, independent universities now receive as much as 20 to 30 percent of their support from state and federal revenues, with the remainder divided between fees—which constitute interestingly enough as a percentage of their budgets only some 13 percent more than they do in state university budgets—and federal indirect support through gifts and endowment, or private contract support. The planning and financing of higher education at the institutional, state, and federal levels must begin to take account of these dramatic ways in which the income

side of the higher education budget has changed.

The fourth marked break with the past which raises fundamental new questions about the future of state universities is the advent of the post-industrial age. This is obviously not the time for an extended analysis of the new economic world in which we live; it is enough to say that what is variously known as the technetronic, or information, or service economy makes demands on higher education which are light years removed from those of the era in which the state universities arose.

States which were once predominantly agricultural and whose state universities served that predominant interest now invest heavily in high technology. They do so partly because even the future of American agriculture is seen to turn on new developments in the scientifically advanced field of molecular biology; more broadly, however, they do so because the successful application of advanced science to agriculture has increased its productivity markedly, thereby freeing resources to support the diversification of the economic base of even what were previously our most agriculturally oriented states.

By its very nature, high technology requires an extraordinarily large investment in basic scientific research, much of which is best undertaken in a university, rather than an industrial setting. The corporate structures to be served very frequently are of a national and international, rather than purely local, character. The kinds of scientific collaboration involved require links between business enterprises and universities, and between public as well as independent universities, throughout the country. And the industrial base of this development is integrally related to the national defense, which in its turn has become more and more dependent on higher and higher levels of science which again are frequently best undertaken in a university setting. State universities which were founded to boost local pride and serve local agriculture and manufacturing are now vital components of national economic and defense policy.

To summarize, the constantly accelerating 20-year evolution of our state universities urgently requires that we reach informed and widely agreed upon conclusions to at least the following questions:

1. What is the appropriate role of research, graduate education, and professional training in contemporary state universities, and what implications do the changes in this role have for their planning, financial support, and accountability?
2. What kinds of students should they enroll?
3. What is the special public service role of state universities, how does this integrate into the rest of their mission, and how is it distinguishable from that of the other segments of higher education?
4. Who should pay for, and who should benefit from, this new mix of research, undergraduate and graduate education, and professional training at the state university? And how should their increasing reliance on student fee monies and tax supported voluntary giving affect institutional planning, governance, and public accountability of, and public responsibility for, state universities?
5. What are the implications for public

comprehensive research universities of the convergence of their mission with that of independent comprehensive research universities, and of the increasing levels of state and federal subsidy of these latter universities, and of the relatively recent emergence of the community and state college systems?

It was in order to help answer such questions that the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, of which I am chairman this year, established a special study committee, which I also chair. We intend to undertake the first major study of state universities in two decades; perhaps the first attempt to reexamine and restate the mission of these institutions since they were founded over a century ago.

Our program will take place in three phases. First, we have commissioned a series of working papers from leading scholars on issues which are central to the mission of the state universities. These papers will then serve as the centerpieces of five regional conferences to take place during 1984-1985, and to be co-sponsored by the National Association, the National Governors' Association, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. The third part of our program of study will consist of a national wrap-up conference in the fall of 1985 in which we hope to reach a consensus of educators and state and federal legislators on the role of state universities as we approach the year 2000.

The familiar world of higher education you and I once knew, in which privately supported colleges and universities, local and national, were sharply differentiated from publicly supported state and community colleges and universities is a thing of the past. There is now an entirely new and much more complex higher education landscape, in which is to be found a kind of state university unlike any we have known in the past, a state university which I suspect is more like the comprehensive independent research universities than like either other public institutions of higher education or independent colleges.

To borrow from Darwin again, out of what the Morrill Act "originally breathed into a few forms" of state university more than a century ago, "endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful" have evolved. Good sense requires us, as a result, to reassess their mission, their structure of planning, accountability and support, as well as their relationship to the other institutions of higher education in our national system. With the help of this university and its sister universities and colleges throughout the Nation, I hope we will accomplish this purpose, much to our Nation's and our own good.

Thank you and good fortune to this university and its new president!

## Economics Lectures

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Lee Volel, and "Economic Models and Methodology," on May 31 by Randall Holcombe, associate professor of economics. All seminars are held at 7 p.m. in Thach Hall room 210.

Preceding lectures included "Two Kinds of Monetarism," by Katherine Graves, professor of economics at AUM; and "Exchange, Money, and the State," by Stephen Morell, assistant professor of economics.



# Alumnalities

1922-1929

B. Frank Hatchett '22 lives in Columbiana. Henry L. Waller '23 and his wife, Elsie, live in Birmingham and have two children—Anna Lee '61 and Loren '66.

A. Ross Stevenson '23 lives in Detroit, Mich., with his wife, Anne. They have two children, Robert and Anne.

C.E. McCartney '23 of Fort Payne was an electrical contractor until his retirement in 1964. Earlier, he had been manager for Fort Payne Improvement Authority and chief engineer for Southern Cities Utility Co. He and his wife, Elizabeth Striplin '24, have two sons—Charles E., Jr., '50, who retired as a colonel from the Air Force after 32 years of service and is presently manager of logistics for the MX Missile for AVCO Corp. in Boston; and Forrest S. '52, who is on active duty as a lieutenant general in command of the space program for the USAF. He received his master's in nuclear engineering from the Air Force College at Wright Patterson Field in Dayton, Ohio.

Robert L. Lock '25 was senior vice president for Anderson Electric Co. in Leeds from 1937 to 1969. He lives in Birmingham and has three children—Elsie, Robert, Jr., '57, and Gail, who attended Auburn but graduated from Birmingham-Southern.

William B. Wood '25 lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Samuel R. Morris '26 of New Orleans was director of the Gulf Region for the USDA's Plant Quarantine Service 1954-1970. He has a tree farm in South Alabama and is a member of the Entomological Society. He and his wife, Inez, have two sons—Robert '57 and James '68.

Arnold L. Taylor '26 writes, "Just celebrated birthday #80 in good health and enjoying each new day." He and his wife, Vivian, live in Opelika.

Chonnie B. Tharp '26 lives in Macon, Ga.

Ralph W. Vaughn '27 of Sun City, Ariz., was manager of customer relations for Memphis, Tenn., Light, Gas & Water from 1937 to 1974. He and his wife, Louise, have two daughters, Annette and Barbara.

Joseph L. Fuller '27 of Moorestown, N.J., retired in 1973 as division commercial manager of Public Service Electric & Gas Co. He is a licensed professional engineer and real estate sales representative in New Jersey. He belongs to numerous organizations in Burlington County: the County Board of Realtors, Electrical League, Economic Development Executive Committee, Committee of "50," Burlington Township Industrial Committee, and the Memorial Hospital of Burlington County. He is also a member of the South Jersey Manufacturers' Association, Third Friday Friars Association, Public Service Electric & Gas Co. Retired Employees Association, Scottish Rite Consistory Valley of Southern New Jersey, and Burlington County Shrine Club. He and his wife, Nan, have two children, J. Lindsay and David E.

Col. Albert C. Carter '27 of Opelika and his wife, Sara, have three children—Mary, Thomas, and Nancy.

J. Forrest Collins '27 and his wife, Ruth, live in Houston, Tex. They have two children, Shari Carroll and Wayne.

Caroline Drake Dubose '28 and her husband, Frank H. Dubose '29, live in Manhattan Beach, Calif. She writes that she is "a mother to four delightful children and ten grandchildren that are very successful." Frank H. Dubose, Jr., graduated from Auburn in 1962. Caroline substitute teaches in the Manhattan Beach area and they travel back to the Auburn area every fall.

Dr. Carl J. Rehling '29 of Auburn was director and state toxicologist for the Alabama Department of Toxicology and Criminal Investigation and Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences from 1945 to 1978. He has two children—Anna R. Everett and Carl J. Rehling.

Olin N. Andrews '29 and his wife, Alice Mignot Mallette '30, live in Auburn. He retired from the Auburn Cooperative Extension Service in 1972 as Extension agronomist. He is

now a breeder and trainer of field trial beagles or as he calls them "War Eagle Beagles."

Culver J. Deloach '29 lives in Pleasant Garden, N.C., with his wife, Edna.

George T. Stafford, Jr., '29 was president of Birmingham Mfg. Co., Inc., from 1946 to 1979 and is now board chairman. He has four patents and is a trustee for Southeastern Bible College. He and his wife, Agnes, have three children—Evelyn Johns, Dr. George T. Stafford, III, and Dr. Harry C. Stafford.

Edgar R. Hauser '29 lives in Birmingham.

John R. Parrish '29 and his wife, Frances, live in Auburn. He retired as dairy specialist with the Extension Service in 1973. Their son, Dr. John O. Parrish '57, attended Auburn.

1930-1939

John L. Wilson '30 of Litchfield Beach, S.C., retired in 1975 from the government affairs department of Gulf Oil Corp. While in Washington, he was known as Auburn John at the Touchdown Club for his support of Auburn. One of Coach Hutsell's better halfmilers during his Auburn school days, Mr. Wilson says the welcome mat is always out and the door open to any of his old friends interested in a game of golf or an Auburn cheer. A supporter of the Auburn University Library, Mr. Wilson and his wife, Mary Vance, built a home on the seventh fairway of the Litchfield Beach Country Club which was planned by Tom Harmon, an Auburn graduate who became the leading architect in South Carolina and designed several of the state buildings in Columbia.

Carlos L. McIntyre '31 and his wife, Margaret Stroud '32, live in Athens, Ga., and have one daughter—Margaret McIntyre Brown.

George E. Arndt '31 lives in Ocean Springs, Miss.

Lela Irwin Leagare '32 of Jackson, Miss., retired in 1962 from Durr Drug Co. in Montgomery. She is a historian, writer, and researcher and has given talks to high schools and presented papers before the Alabama Historical Association, Alabama Pharmacy Association, and Montgomery Medical Auxiliary Association. She has also published articles in the *Alabama Pharmacy Association Journal* and other journals, as well as the *Montgomery Advertiser*. She was voted life Docent of the Museum of Fine Arts.

William E. Rogers '32 is chief pharmacist of Southwest Alabama Mental Health and relief pharmacist for two drug stores. He had been sales representative for Eli Lilly & Co. from 1937 to 1973. He is owner and operator of a beef cattle farm in Franklin and was named Beef Cattleman of the Year for Monroe County in 1973. In 1981 he received the Monroe County Citizenship Award, and in 1982 the Monroe County Citizenship Appreciation Award. He is Monroe County chairman of Auburn Legislature Committee, life member of Auburn Pharmacy Alumni Association, Monroe County chairman for Rural Development Association, and a member of Beef Cattle Advisory Council. He and his wife, Sara, have three children—Sara Rogers Butler '56, W.E. Rogers, Jr., '61, and F. Leslie Rogers '62.

Sarah H. Wilson '33 of Auburn retired in 1976 as traffic manager of the Transportation Division at Maxwell Air Force Base after 33 years of service. She is a member of the Pilot Club of Auburn and of the American Association of University Women, Auburn Chapter.

Lynch Mallory '33 lives in Dothan with his wife, Bessie. They have one daughter—Ann M. Slaughter '62.

Dr. Louis A. Baisden '34 of Silver Spring, Md., retired in 1972 as a biochemist from the Animal Husbandry Division of USDA. He had worked for the USDA since 1944 beginning as a bacteriologist. He has published numerous articles in scientific journals.

Maj. Gen. John M. Reynolds (Ret.) '34 of



**ID STUDENT WINS AWARD**—Jeffrey J. Hill, a senior from Auburn, recently received the Student Design of the Year Award from the Committee of Rod and Drawn Wire Producers of the American Iron and Steel Institute. He won first place in the industrial design division for his outstanding design of a caddy device used on steel diving tanks, which enables easy mobility of the tanks. Jeffrey, left, received a \$500 cash award and a one week expense paid trip to Chicago to the Design Engineering Show. He is congratulated by William C. Bullock, associate professor and head of the industrial design department at Auburn University.

Camp Springs, Md., retired from the intelligence branch of Civil Service in 1974. During his lengthy career in the Air Force before joining Civil Service, he received the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and various other combat medals. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children—John, Jr., Ralph, and Dale Ann—and four grandchildren.

Sam W. Westbrook '34, retired Air Force colonel, is now an Episcopal priest and serves St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Faunsdale and the Church of the Holy Cross in Uniontown. He and his wife, Frances McGehee '33, have a daughter who is an interior designer and four sons: two air force colonels and two MDs.

Lt. Col. Otis S. Spears (Ret.) '34 of Lawton, Okla., in addition to his career in the Army, worked for US Armed Forces Research for 22 years. Earlier, he had been a math instructor for the University of Oklahoma and Auburn when it was Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He has published numerous professional papers in systems research and mathematics and belongs to the American Mathematical Society, Mathematical Association of America, and the National Association for the Advancement of Science. He has three children—Otis, Jr., Yolanda, and Wiley.

Albert A. Nettles '35 of Monroeville is chairman of the board and president of Peterman Agriculture Co. in Peterman. He has interests in land, timber, and cattle. He is past president of Monroeville Kiwanis Club, Monroe County Cattle Association, and past state president and present member of the national board of directors for Farm and Power Equipment Association. He is director of Peterman State Bank and member of the board of trustees for Samford University. He and his wife, Aline, have two sons—Albert A. Nettles, Jr., '58 and Joe F. Nettles '60. His granddaughter, Joanna Nettles '82, works for an Opelika radio station.

C. Boland Cooper '35 retired in 1979 from

B.F. Goodrich Co. as a plant manager. He lives in Henry, Ill., with his wife, Gladys. They have three children—Charles B. Cooper, Jr., Marjorie Cooper Anliker, and David L. Cooper.

Mary Edwards Yon '36 lives in Enterprise and taught school off and on after 1936. Her sister, Martha Kate Edwards, received her master's in math from Auburn, and her sister, Rebecca Edwards Nolan, attended Auburn for two years. Her brother, Palmer, attended Auburn until he transferred to LSU, and her other brother, Charles W. Edwards '20, attended Harvard and then worked as Auburn's Registrar until his retirement in 1966.

K. Boyd Ellis '36 and his wife, Willie, live in Laramie, Wyo. They have two sons, Mike and Pat.

William G. Phifer, DMD, '36 lives in Riverside, Calif.

DeWitt D. Vickrey '37 of Shreveport, La., retired in 1973 from Headquarters 2nd Airforce (SAC) as an agronomist. He writes that he has "obtained a new Aloha 30-foot party barge with sun deck and named it 'War Eagle.' Gets lots of response, too." He and his wife, Hazel, have two sons, Stanley and Randall.

James W. Hodges '39 lives in Tavares, Fla., with his wife, Nancy. They have two sons—James W. Hodges, Jr., '70, and Dean Lee Hodges '72.

Virginia Walls Chappell '39 of Lakeland, Fla., recently returned from a two-month trip to Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand.

Capt. John J. Love '39 of Palm Desert, Calif., writes that he is retired "and living in the magnificent desert empire—the golf capital of the world."

Col. Marion W. Walker '39 is an agent for New York Life Insurance Co. He lives in Columbus, Ga., with his wife, Laura Smalshoe '43. They have two children—Marion W. Jr., and Laura Walker Smith, an English graduate student and GTA.



1940

Edward Mims Davis of Decatur, Ga., has worked for Rich's Department Store since 1958 in a number of capacities: designer-draftsman, store planning engineer, zone manager, manager of budgets and cost control, and store planning coordinator before his planned retirement in September. His avocation for twelve years has been drawing sports cartoons for Decatur-Dekalb News/Sun in which he features Dekalb County residents in high school and college sports. He is steward and member of the administrative board for the North Decatur Methodist Church. He and his wife, Sue Eley, have three children—Susan, E. Mims, Jr., and Barbara.

J. Rivers Rush, Jr., trade sales manager for Mobile Paint MFG. Co., retired in April 1983.

Turner Murphy of North Augusta, S.C., has been president for Turner Murphy Co. since 1951. He is a church elder and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. He and his wife, Era, have three children: Mary Murphy Berzett '61, Patrick '68, and Thomas Michael '71.

**MARRIED:** Jane Smith Bridges to Malcolm Logan Randolph on Nov. 20, 1983. Jane is administrative assistant at Midwest Technical, Inc., an engineering firm in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She closed her craft and hobby shop which she had operated for 30 years in Oak Ridge and is still active in Little Theatre and the arts council. Malcolm is a physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

1941

Tol Henderson Hollis of Birmingham, and his wife, Fannie, have four children—Ronald, Alyce, Tol, Jr., and Gary '73.

Brig. Gen. Marlin W. Camp of Lawton, Okla., retired from the Army in 1972 and was vice president of Ft. Sill National Bank from 1973 to 1978. During his career he was named in Who's Who in America 1976-1977, and received the Army's Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Air Medal with eleven leaf clusters. He fought in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. He and his wife, Charlene, have three children—Joseph, Sherianne, and Sharlielynn.

Bessie Holmes Gross and her husband, Jack, live in Lithonia, Ga., and have one child—Jackie Gross Tarrah '73.

1942

Evelyn Burney Cook lives in West Point, Ga.

Floris Copeland Sheppard is an elementary school teacher in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Earlier she had taught for Bangkok International. She is a board member of Sheppard Realtors in Austin, Tex., where she is part-owner of Sheppard Apartments and has participated in five art exhibitions. She and her husband, Frank, have three children—Sallie, Frank, and Florita.

Fred Hurst lives in Charlestown, S.C., with his wife, Jackie. They have two children—Lynn and Shelley.

J. Paul Adams and his wife, Marilyn Gallo-way '54, live in Midway and have two children—J. Mark and Tracy '81.

1943-1949

John T. Riddle, DVM, '43 lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, Carolyn. They have three children—Nancy, John, Jr., and Paul. Dr. Riddle owned a veterinary clinic until 1978 and has been a member of the Rotary Club for 40 years. He is a member of the local Salvation Army Board and the Kennesaw Theatre Guild and has written a book soon scheduled to be printed.

William Bailey, III, '43 is overseas vice president and senior project manager with Rust International Corp. in Birmingham. He and his wife, Frances, have three children—Lorena, William, IV, '69, and Charles, an Auburn student.

Helmuth Thielsch '43 is president of the newly-formed Thielsch Engineering Associates, in Cranston, R.I. Thielsch Engineering Associates will perform metallurgical analyses, mechanical testing, chemical analyses, and non-destructive examinations of metals, equipment, and systems. Mr. Thielsch is former vice president of research and development and engineering for ITT Grinnell. He is a member of nine professional engineering societies and is a Fellow in the American Society for Metals, the



**AN ARMY OF AUBIES?**—Libba Young Johnson '25 poses with her squad of crocheted Auburn tigers. The pattern of her own design, the tigers stand about a foot tall and sport an Auburn sweatshirt and lengthy feline tail in back. Mrs. Johnson, now eighty, makes about four of these a week. During her student days at Auburn, she was the charter member and first president of Chi Omega and captain of the woman's basketball team her senior year.

—Photo by Ruth Schowalter

American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the American Society for Nondestructive Testing. In 1982 he received the Comfort A. Adams Lecture Award from the American Welding Society "in recognition of his attainments in the science and art of welding." He has written 150 articles and a book, *Defects and Failures in Pressure Vessels and Piping*, and contributed chapters to handbooks prepared by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Welding Society, and the American Society for Metals as well as the Piping Handbook.

Randall Ray Bell '43 and his wife, Carolyn, live in Cantonment, Fla., where he is president of Bell Steel Co.

Allan B. Cowart '43 is director of The University of West Florida Eglin/Fort Walton Beach Centers.

John F. Duggar, III, '44 of Atlanta, Ga., has his own architectural firm. He is the author of an architecture textbook, *Checking and Coordinating Architecture and Engineering Drawings*.

Isabelle M. Downey '44 is retired from the AU Cooperative Extension Service as food preservation specialist and lives in Auburn.

Jane Post Henry '45 and her husband, Ed, live in Burbank, Calif., and have two children, William and Marilyn. Jane is assistant administrator for a small, non-profit retirement home.

Mary Stone Head of Opp is a nurse. Her husband, Tom Head, DVM, died in an auto accident in 1960 while with the USDA. They have three children—Sharon, Tom, Jr., and Lee.

Benjamin E. Bridges '47 retired from the Air

Force in 1973 after 30 years of service. He and his wife, Hannah, live in Deatsville and have three children—Cynthia B. Bell '68, Mary Anita B. Barrett '69, and Barbara B. Cartwright.

Mable Barker Garrett '47 of Athens has taught vocational home economics in Limestone County for 30 years. She and her husband, H.S., have a son, Thomas.

William E. Campbell '47 and his wife, Margaret Williamson '46, live in Gadsden and have two children, Cathy C. Turner '70, and William Campbell, Jr., '71. Mr. Campbell retired as poultry pathologist for the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries in 1980.

Dr. Wendell Sowell '47 of Athens retired in 1981 but he continues to do some private investigative and forensic work. He is listed in *Two Thousand Notable Americans of 1981 and 1982*.

Sarah Conner Owens '47 is secretary to the manager of sales for U.S. Steel Corp. She and her husband, Johnnie, live in Birmingham and have one daughter, Marilyn Denise O. Palmer.

R. I. Gentry '47 is judge of the Jackson County Probate Office. He is also a captain of the Scottsboro Rescue Squad, runs a burglar alarm installation business, and produces, along with two workers, handcrafted hardwood furniture, mostly desks.

Gordy Elonzo Loftin '48 of Middleton, Ohio, is president of Miami Carey Division of Jim Walter Corp. He and his wife, Sue, have two children, Laura L. Boyer and Julia L. Hewson.

U.S. (Sam) Harrison '48 of Chipley, Fla.,

retired in 1976 as district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service.

John Midoss Dantzler '48 and his wife, Wilma, live in Wilmington, Del., and have two children, Robert and Jennifer. John is director of explosives and nitrogen products business center for Hercules, Inc.

Thomas A. Sims, Jr., '49 of Tuscaloosa is division accounting manager for Alabama Power Co. He is a member of the State Council of the American Red Cross and chairman of the Metro Division of the United Way. He and his wife, Jean, have four children—Debra S. McCrary, Thomas A. Sims, II, '78, Marcia Fean Sims '77, and Stephen B. Sims, an Auburn student.

J. Calvin Lowery '49 and his wife, Sarah, live in Birmingham and have two children, Steve and Diane. Mr. Lowery is engineering manager for American Cast Iron Pipe Co. and is in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Association of Iron and Steel Engineers.

Johnnie A. Barnes '49 and his wife, Doris, live in Hueytown and have three sons—William K. Barnes '69, Robert L. Barnes '74, and Ben J. Barnes '74.

Sanford Lewis Patrick '49, is project manager with the Olin Corp. in Lake Charles, Fla.

Eugene E. Brinkworth '49, engineering vice president of Mountain Lake Corp. in Lake Wales, Fla., is retiring after 49 years of service. He will continue to serve as a consultative engineer. He has two children—Gary '82 and Janet '80.

Elvin V. Wright '49 retired in 1983 as district conservationist for the USDA. He is interested in tree farming and is a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America, Hale Co. Hospital Board, and the Rural Development Association. He and his wife, Sara, live in Greensboro and have three children, Jeanne, James, and Elizabeth.

Benjamin F. Edwards, Jr., '49 and his wife, Annie, live in Port Arthur, Tex. He retired from Texaco, Inc., in 1981 as maintenance supervisor department head of lithographing.

1950-1954

Irving Steinberg '50 and his wife, Mary, live in Des Moines, Iowa. They have three children—Mark, Todd, and Stacie.

L. Anne Bonds '50, the third woman to graduate from Auburn in electrical engineering, is a safety engineer for Occupational Safety and Health Administration and president of Bonds and Associates, a small engineering consulting firm. Her children are Laurinda Anne, 23, Eugenia Ruth, 22, Winston Bryant, 18, and John Picklens, III, deceased. She's seeking copies of old photos missing since 1946 or 1947 when a picture of her in a tu-tu disappeared from a poster in Ramsey Hall. She lives in Riverdale, Ga.

Clark Hungerford and his wife, Twila, live in Lake Bluff, Ill., where he is general manager of the Western Railroad Association.

Thomas W. Eden, Jr., '50 opened The Garden of Eden Nursery and Garden Center, Inc., on March 10 in Auburn. Terry Wilson '78 is secretary/treasurer, Steve Eden is president, and Tommy Eden, III, '76, who received his law degree from Cumberland School of Law, is legal counsel for the nursery.

F. Daniel Hale '50 is manager of technical development for WestPoint Pepperell's industrial fabrics division. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Langdale and have two sons—Danny and David.

James E. (Jack) Hinson '50 is chief forester of the Norfolk Southern Corp. and is on the George Washington University Continuing Engineering Education staff. He and his wife, Bev, live in Conyers, Ga., and have two sons, Robert and Paul.

Carlton Scott Martin '51 and his wife, Gay, live in Albertville where he is a dentist. They have two children—Mark H. Martin '80 and R. Scott Martin, who attended Auburn. Dr. Martin is on the Board of Dental Examiners for Alabama.

Billy Q. Parker '51 lives in Birmingham with his wife, Janelle. He is director of engineering and construction for O'Neal Steel, Inc. The Parkers have two children—Susan P. Kormegay '73, and Russell Q. Parker '78.

William C. Moncrief, Jr., '51 and his wife, Mary Rountree '54, live in Tupelo, Miss., where Bill is area superintendent for the TVA. They have two sons—William, III, and John.

Sigmund M. Redelsheimer '51 is new direc-



tor of space programs for McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co., St. Louis division.

William Robert Martin '51 lives in Planterville with his wife, Bettie, where he is in the farming, trucking and mercantile business. Their children are—Dr. W.R. Martin, Jr., '74; Melissa, Martha, Mac W., and Melanie, all Montevallo graduates; and Elizabeth, an Auburn student.

Sue Propst McCully '51 lives in Muscle Shoals where she has taught third grade for fifteen years. She is also chairman of the council of ministries, chairman of the Muscle Shoals March of Dimes, and is involved in several other community projects. She and her husband, Paul, have three sons.

Thomas M. Page '52 is president of Tom Page & Co., Inc., in San Antonio, Tex., where he lives with his wife, Irene. They have three children—Betty P. Stuebing, Thomas M., Jr., and Irene.

Hinton K. Howard '52 and his wife, Dorothy, live in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is a chemical engineer for Procter & Gamble. They have a son, Hinton R. Howard, 19.

Joseph Thomas Burton, Jr., '52 is department division manager for VSE Corp. He and his wife, Jeanne Oliver '53, live in Oxnard, Calif., and have four children—Alan, Tom, Paul, and Jeannine.

Chester P. Neiswender '52 retired from Monsanto in November 1982. He and his wife, Lila, live in Pensacola, Fla., where he continues to do some consulting. They have a son, C.P. Neiswender '76.

Robert C. Carter '52 is sales manager for General Electric. He lives in Woodlands, Tex., with his wife, Jeanette. They have three children—Bobbie, Lisa Cochran '82, and Cynthia Fraley.

Sue Fleming Hamilton '53 lives in Edison, N.J., with her husband, Robert. She teaches for the Edison Board of Education.

Jack Lanier Hunter '53 and his wife, Ann, live in Thomaston, Ga., and have two sons, Millard and Spencer. Jack worked with C & S Bank of Thomaston from 1956 until he retired as president in 1970.

Emmett Kirkland '54 and his wife, Edna, live in Calhoun, Tenn., and have three daughters—Karen, Debra, and Emma Lyn '82. Emmett is manager of Bowater Southern Paper Co. and is also interested in farming.

J. Stanley Mackin '54 is new president and chief executive officer of First Alabama Bank of

Birmingham. He is also a chairman of the Birmingham Better Business Bureau, a board member of the Birmingham Boys' Club, and past president of the Birmingham Botanical Garden.

Marguerite Morgan Shumaker '54 lives in Panama City, Fla., with her husband, George '39. They have two sons, Robert and Karl. Marguerite has been head of the Bay High School art department for fifteen years.

William M. Golden, III, '54 owns a wholesale nursery in Northport. He and his wife, Dean, live in Tuscaloosa and have two children—Gwen Davis and Karen Gwin.

Samuel A. Hocutt '54 is senior sales engineer for Honeywell, Inc., in Little Rock, Ark.

#### 1955-1956

Rosalynn Fillmer Drescher '55 is co-owner of Caldwell Printing Company in Amelia Island, Fla. She and her husband, Jack Drescher '54, have three children: J. David '77, J. Donald '77, and Lou Ann '79.

Edward A. Keyes '55 is associate principal of Lloyd Jones Brewer and Associates, architects in Houston, Tex., where he lives with his wife, Carol Sadler '57.

Albert M. Smallwood '56 is vice president of J.C. McGahan Co. He and his wife, Carolyn Cosby '54, live in Birmingham and have two children—Carolyn Homewood '79 and Scott M. Smallwood '81.

Mason M. Watkins '56 is vice president of Trinity Construction Company, Inc., in Houston, Tex. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children: Mason, Jr.; Julie; and Annie.

Sarah Spurlock McLain '56 teaches special education in the Birmingham City School System. She and her husband, Claude E. McClain, live in Birmingham and have two children: Karen Doss Immler '76 and William E. Doss, Jr.

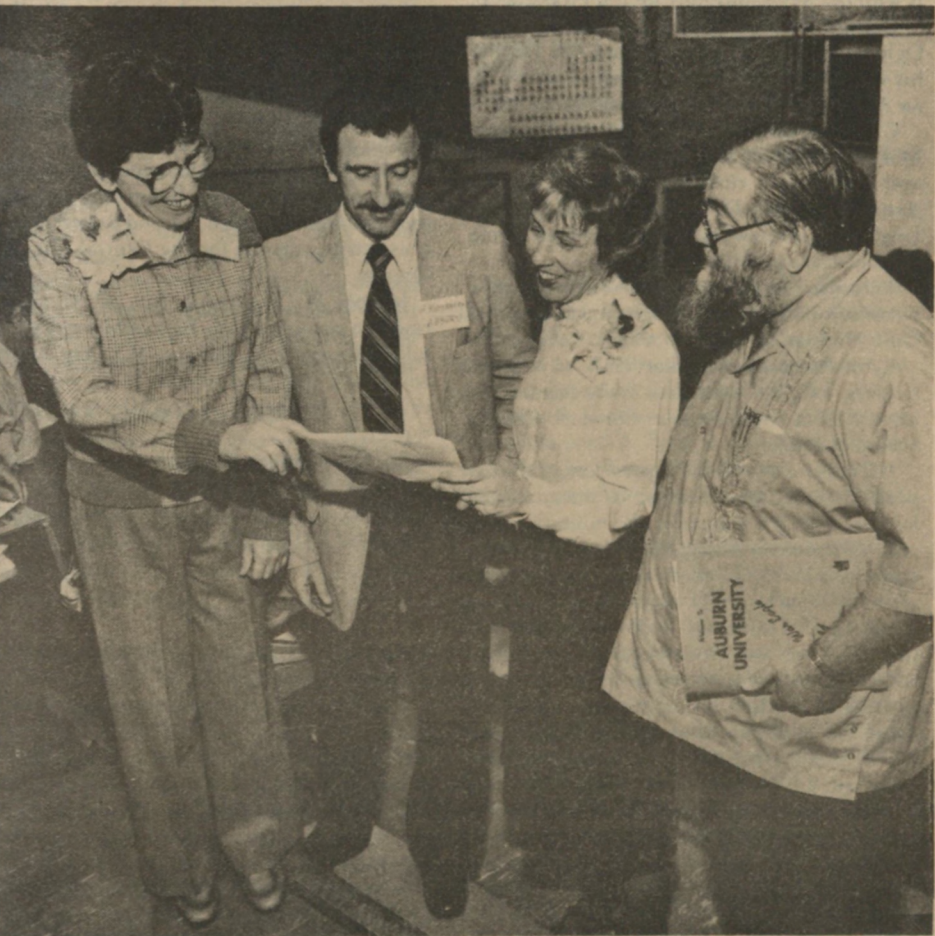
Grady E. Lanier, DVM, '56 owns Southeast Animal Clinic in Ocala, Fla. He and his wife, Barbara Ann, have four children: Brian E., James Allen, Susan G., and Christopher John Lanier.

Charles A. McDade '56 is a project engineer at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. He has two sons: Joe A. McDade '83, assistant project manager with The William C. Webb Company, Builders and Developers in Orlando, Fla.; and Jon C. McDade, a junior at Auburn.

Letta Aleponden Crocker '56 is part owner



**GREATER VALLEY CLUB**—Pictured at the recent meeting of the Greater Valley Area Auburn Club (formerly the Chambers County Club) are, in top photo, Toni Anderson '82, Peggy Holley '82, and Bill Nixon '72, secretary-treasurer of the club. In the bottom photo, left to right, are Tommy Hamby '71, vice president; Joel Lyons '75, president; Leslie Hamby of the Alumni Association; Coach Pat Dye, club speaker; and Bill Nixon '72, secretary-treasurer.



**MATHEMATICS CONFERENCE**—More than 150 mathematicians from across the U.S. as well as from Canada, Poland, Switzerland, Israel, and Yugoslavia were at Auburn this spring for the 18th annual Spring Topology Conference. Auburn mathematics professor W. Kuperberg (second from left) coordinated the conference. Pictured with him are Beverly Brechner (left) of the University of Florida, who gave the Ralph Bennett Memorial Lecture honoring an Auburn professor, and Auburn faculty members Donna Bennett and Ben Fitzpatrick at right. The proceedings of the conference will be published in *Topology Proceedings*, a scholarly journal edited and published at Auburn with subscribers in 50 different countries.

and teacher at ABC Kindergarten in Mobile. Her husband, John F. Crocker '54, is supervisor of fiber planning with International Paper Co. They have three children—Mary Lou Crocker '80; Rebecca, a freshman at Auburn; and Rachel.

#### 1957-1958

William G. Murray '57 and his wife, Molly, live in Birmingham. They have three children: Cindy, Brenda, and Bill, Jr.

Glenn B. Brittain '57 is staff manager at Goodyear in Gadsden. He and his wife, Hazel, have four children: Pamela Sue, Connie Lynn, Patti Renee, and Charles Byron, who attends Auburn.

William C. Regan, Jr., '57 and his wife, Beth, live in Mobile and have three children—William, III, a sophomore at Auburn; Elgin Geron, a freshman at MMI; and Elizabeth, 14.

Flem H. Spain '57 is a partner in Joseph and Spain Consulting Engineers in Montgomery. He and his wife, Donna, have two sons—Jack, who attends Auburn, and Roger, 15.

J. Ernest Farnell '57 and his wife, Bev, live in Mobile.

James F. Anthony '57 of Birmingham is executive vice president for Brasfield and Gorrie, Inc., and has several real estate partnerships in Trussville. He and his wife have three children—Alan Anthony '82; Laura, 22; and Adrienne, 14.

Alfredo A. Rodriguez '57 is regional manager for York International, Borg Warner Corp. He and his wife, Gringa, live in Miami, Fla., and have three children: Roland, 21, Lisette, 20, and Daniel, who entered Auburn last fall.

Fred S. Stucky, Jr., '57 is manager of Glidden Paint Company in Huntsville. He and his wife, Earlene, have three sons: Mark, 20; Fred, III, 18; and James Robert, 14.

Peter R. Gindl '57 owns a farm and grocery in Cantonment, Fla. He and his wife, Beverly Sue, have five children: Jeanene King; Lesa Morgan; Nancy, 19; Pete, Jr., 18; and Stephen, 13.

William P. Baldwin '57 was recently honored for his 30 years of service as an electrical engi-



**MARRIED:** Melissa Poundstone to Ed Seal on June 8. They are living in Pike Road where Melissa is executive director of the Alabama Volunteer in Corrections.

**BORN:** A daughter, Andrea Leigh, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Drummonds of Huntsville on April 11, 1983. She joins sister Amanda, 4.

A daughter, Ashley Marigrace, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robin McIntyre (Marrietta Story) of Auburn on January 9. She joins Patrick, 6, and Matthew, 3.

A son, Zachary Campbell, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Harvey of Ocean Springs, Miss., on December 12.

1972

C. Arlyn Rice earned a Ph.D. at the University of Manchester, England, in 1978 and, after postdoctoral work at Utah State and Auburn, has been a research chemist with Engelhard Industries in Menlo Park, N.J., since 1981. She has a son, Ian, 4.

James V. Orlando, III, and his wife, Patsy, live in Burke, Va., where Jim is a supply officer for the U.S. Marine Corps. They have two children: Gina, 6, and Rosa, 3.

Stanley Milton Smith is an industrial engineer for TVA. He and his wife, Pam, live in Florence with their children, Bryan, 8, and Katie, 6.

John L. Spiker lives in Leeds with his wife, Rozlyn. He is senior engineer for Southern Company Services.

Elaine Holland Jenkins and her husband, Donald, live in Alexander City where Elaine is a teacher for the Alexander City Board of Education.

Catherine Ellis Reed lives in Arab with her husband, Edwin '70, and their children, Stephanie, 16, and Lezlie, 11. Ed is the publisher-editor of *The Arab Tribune* and Catherine is the bookkeeper.

Madison Barnes Shelly lives in Norfolk, Va., where he is area manager for C. Lloy & Johnson Co., Inc., manufacturers' representatives.

Michael K. Myrick is manager of decision support systems in the Information Services Organization at Southern Company Services, Inc. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Atlanta with their children, Richard, 3, and David, 1.

Maj. John J. Sheldon has graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va. This five-month Department of Defense school provides students with intensive education related to national and international security.

Michael L. Boynton is manager of marketing programs for Delta Air Lines' general office in Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Alice, have two sons and a daughter.

**MARRIED:** Katherine E. Cashwell to Lee Simonetta on August 6. They are living in Jacksonville, Fla., with Lee's two children, Angela, 8, and A.J., 5.

**BORN:** A daughter, Rachel Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ray Culppepper of Havana, Fla., on March 23, 1983. They have another daughter, Kimberly, 4. Al is a sales agent for Liberty National Life Insurance.

A daughter, Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sidney Frost of Cohutta, Ga., on July 7, 1983. Sid is assistant controller at Galaxy Carpet Mills, Inc.

1973

Howard Milton Murphy is information systems coordinator with Southern Company Services and lives in Alabaster.

Vicky Braswell Cooke Powell and her husband, W. Lewis Powell, live in Columbus, Ga., where she is a vocational evaluator at Columbus Vocational Tech School.

Susan Elizabeth Whitley works for Stockton, Whatley, Davin, a mortgage company in Birmingham.

Richard A. Black is vice president of sales for G.T. Higginbotham Co., Inc., and a partner in B & H Investments. He and his wife, Susan, live in Bessemer with sons Robert, 8, and Ryan, 6.

Susan Kohl Drake is a medical technician at Lloyd Noland Hospital and an Amway distributor. She and her husband, Jim, live in McCalla.

Wilson C. Carnes, Jr., is project engineer, construction, for the U.S. Department of Energy. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Knoxville, Tenn., with their daughters: Clare, 6; Aliya, 4; and Sarah, 3.

Donna Aderholt Cardwell and her husband,



**BUSY ON CAREER**—When Haley Thaxton turns four on June 5, she'll already have been a career girl for more than a year. The lovely young blonde daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Thaxton '67 is making a name for herself as a model. Featured in catalog and clothing store ads for several months, Haley recently branched out into national magazines. She appeared in *TV Guide* and *Time* in a Samsonite Luggage ad for Beatrice Foods. In addition to her father, Haley has another Auburn connection. Her grandmother is retired house mother Lucille Thaxton of Auburn.

Gary, live in Birmingham and have a daughter, Stacy Marie, 2. Donna is a homemaker after being senior sales correspondent for U.S. Pipe & Foundry for nine years.

Terry Royce Henley and his wife, Lisa, live in Birmingham.

Susan Singer Pearson and her husband, David E. Pearson, live in Montgomery with their children, Jenny, 6, and Jon David, 3.

Sally Lloyd Van Duyn is director of Human Services at Providence Hospital in Houston, Tex., where she lives with her husband, Otto.

Harriette Mathews Spigener is Social Worker I with the Elmore County Department of Pensions and Security. She lives in Equality with her husband, Donald W. '71, a soybean, cotton and cattle farmer.

Stephen O'Neal Spinks lives in Brussels, Belgium.

Cathryn Morton Perdue and her husband, James V. Perdue, live in Luverne with their son, James Michael, 1. Cathy is now a CPA.

Stephen W. Butler is a procurement forester for Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Fayette. He and his wife, Frances, have four daughters: Stephanie, 10; Susan, 5; Nancy, 3; and Cherry, 1.

Terry Woodrow Wise and his wife, Havlin, live in Opelika with their daughters, Rebecca, 6, and Sarah, 4.

Belinda Freeman Young is coordinator of Continuing Education at Halifax Community College in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. She and her husband, Thomas E. Young '74, have two children: Josh, 7, and Cori Elizabeth, 6.

John Druary Slaughter, Jr., DVM, is president of J.D.S., Inc., Cottage Hill Animal Clinic, and Delta Sportsman, Inc., in Mobile.

Douglas E. Ferlin is an instructor pilot with the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Diana, live in San Antonio, Tex., with twins Darla and Denise, 15.

W. Harold Edwards, DVM, owns West Point Animal Clinic in West Point, Miss.

Walter M. Blankenship is associated with Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs in Albany, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Elaine.

Emily Scott Barnes teaches Spanish and English at Cloverdale Junior High in Montgomery.

Stephen T. Swicegood lives in London, England, where he is director of design for Heery Europe, Ltd., the European branch of Heery and Heery Architects and Engineers from Atlanta.

Donald Davis Thornbury of Montgomery is an orthopaedic surgeon with Montgomery Bone and Joint Associates after completing his residency at UAB.

Sarah J. Hunt and her husband, Bart, live in Birmingham. She graduated from the Birmingham School of Law and is a member of the Alabama Bar Association.

David Elton Pearson is contract manager for Blount International in Montgomery. He and his wife, Susan Singer, have two children: Jenny, 6, and Jon David, 3.

1974

Ashley McGaha, Jr., is southeastern district sales manager for United Technologies MOS-TEK in Huntsville. He had been with MOS-TEK in Dallas, Tex., until his recent promotion. His wife, Georgann Aulback '76, taught school in Dallas, but is now busy with their daughters, Laura Elizabeth, 2, and Sara Renee, 1.

Wesley D. Stroud, Jr., lives in Madison with his wife, Jan Kirby '75, and their daughter, Megan.

Gary T. Edem works for General Electric Space Division in Manassas, Va. He has been racing in Sports Car Club of America since 1980.

James Roy Perkins is a swimming coach at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.

Tommy T. Veazey is division manager of industrial engineering with Avondale Mills. He

and his wife, Georgann, live in Sylacauga with their son, Thomas Oliver, 2.

Robin Marie Hayes is merchandise manager/intimate apparel for Gayfer's in Jackson, Miss.

Gary W. Crye and his wife, Beth, live in Henagar.

Jack Dunn Lawley, Jr., is audit manager with Borland, Benefield, Crawford, Webster and Jeffures, CPAs in Birmingham. He and his wife, Deborah Cottle, have two sons, Jack, III, and Benjamin Hines.

L. Joe Perdue is general manager of Cherokee Country Club in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Rev. Michael G. Roberts is coordinator of youth ministry with the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Conference in Andalusia. He and his wife, Jo Ann, have two children, Michael Brock, 12, and Jennifer Leigh, 8.

Robert A. Hamm is area production superintendent at Stauffer Chemical in Baton Rouge, La. He and his wife, Charlotte, have two children: Christopher Robert, 3, and Heather Ashley, 1.

Lee A. Ross is principal of Greene County Technical School District in Paragould, Ark. He and his wife, Melinda, have two children: Allan Jeffrey, 13, and Katherine Marie, 6.

Belinda Coston Hill and her husband, J. Ron Hill, live in Sarasota, Fla., with their children, Jamie, 6, and Carly, 3.

A. Des Yawn, Jr., is assistant vice president for Marsh and McLemiras in Marietta, Ga. He and his wife, Mary Freyermuth '73, have two daughters: Crystie, 4, and Amy, 2.

Richard K. Wilker is industrial sales representative for Mayer Electric Supply Co. in Birmingham. He and his wife, Marcella, have a daughter, Shannon, 7.

Becky McNeal Lewis and her husband, Jim, live in Birmingham with their daughter, Emily Rebecca, 1.

Katherine W. James Parson is director of physical therapy at Smyrna Hospital. She and her husband, Dave, live in Alpharetta, Ga.

Curt Harrington received the M.S. degree from Georgia Tech in 1977 and Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston in 1983. He has a private law practice in Houston after being admitted to the Texas Bar in June.

Roland S. Weekley and his wife, Lynn, live in Hammond, La., with their daughter Robin, 6.

Ernest W. Babb is superintendent of wet finishing at West Point Pepperell's Fairfax Fin-



**REGAL EAGLE**—Former President Wilford S. Bailey, left, looks over a magnificent carved eagle presented to the university by C-C-C Associates, a company owned and operated by alumni. The eagle was carved in the Philippines from a single piece of Acacia. Rep. Pete Turnham '47, right, a member of the board of the company, presented the eagle to the university. Also present at the ceremony were board members Bill Cook and Lamar Thompson. The Montgomery company serves florists, greenhouse operators, and floral supply houses.



ishing Plant. He and his wife, Janice, have two children: Michael Anthony and Karen Lynn.

Thomas J. Spraggins is manager of systems analysis for Russell Corp. in Alexander City. He and his wife, Jennifer Scroggins '80, have a daughter, Lauren Nicole, 1.

Joseph F. Hardy is supervisor of engineering design and control at Monsanto Company. He and his wife, Renee, live in Cantonment, Fla., and have a son, Ben Hardy, 1.

Nancy Stephenson Whitten is a programmer/analyst for IBM in Lexington, Ky., where she lives with her husband, James.

Mary Anne Boney Hokanson and her husband, Alan, live in Cordova, Tenn., with their son, Wesley Alan, 3.

1975

Michael Earl Aderholt is a programmer/analyst with Dyatron Corp. in Birmingham.

Robin Whitney Williams and her husband, Steven Allan Williams, live in Royston, Ga., with their son, Drew, 3. Robin is a part-time receptionist for Robert F. Sullivan, M.D.

Laurie Owensby Young teaches fourth grade at Marengo Academy in Linden and is on the advisory board for needy and neglected children in Marengo County. She and her husband, T. Pat Young, live in Linden and have two sons: Patrick, 4, and Paul, 1.

Michael Craig Britnell is regional marketing manager for GTE Sylvania, Inc., and a member of the Cumberland Jaycees in Atlanta, Ga.

David H. Dyson is Director of Alumni Affairs at Birmingham-Southern College and president of The Dyson Publishing Company. He is president of the Auburn Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni Association, a member of Young Business Leaders of Birmingham, and the Alabama Society of Fund Raising Executives.

Christopher C. Creagan is a research scientist for Kimberly-Clark Corp. He and his wife, Helen, live in Neenah, Wis.

Leah D. Hoffman is assistant director of Parks and Recreation for the city of St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.

Zona Lawson Beaty lives in Newville with her husband, Robert, and children, Jessica Ann, 3, and Robert Malone, 1.

Linda Gibson Wilson is personnel manager for Montgomery Ward. She and her husband, Bobby, live in Temple Terrace, Fla.

Maj. Dalton Huey Oliver, Jr., works in the Army ROTC Department at Auburn.

Capt. Merrill Lee Thomas has been assigned as deputy commander of the Air Force Remote Tracking Station at Thule AB, Greenland, after an assignment at the Satellite Control Facility in Sonnyvale, AFS, Calif.

Capt. Byron Lee Pitts completed F-4 RTU at Homestead, AFB, in Miami, Fla., and will be flying with the 57th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Keflavik, Iceland.

Zahir Rawajfih is a soil scientist with USDA/OICD in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He and his wife, Linda, have a daughter, Yasmeen, 1.

Katherine A. Anderson is working on her master's in business management at the University of Dallas. She lives in Dallas, Tex., and is manager of corporate communications with MEPC American Properties, Inc.

Dianne Howell is director of the pre-school program at Arlington Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

Betty Smith Keller teaches in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where she lives with her husband, George E. Keller, Jr., and their daughter, Jenny Carol, 2.

Randy D. Colvin and his wife, Karen, live in Gadsden, with their children: Cortni Leighan, 7, and Cassie Lynn, 2.

BORN: A son, John Evans, to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Bailey. They live in Montgomery, where Dennis is a partner in the law firm of Rushton, Stakely, Johnston, and Garrett.

1976

Gregory Mark Baker is an operations analyst with Rockwell International Missiles System division. He lives in Norcross, Ga. Mark has had four articles published in the Air Force's *Fighter Weapons Review*. His brother, Vann, is a student artist at the University Printing Service and helps do *Alumnews* pasteup.

Thomas A. Wilke works for Honeywell as a mechanical project engineer. He and his wife, Leslie, live in Phoenix, Ariz., with their son, Christopher, 2.

Jay Melvyn Jones and his wife, Susan Davis '84, live in Opelika, where Jay is an investigative sergeant with the Lee County Sheriffs' Department. He is also supervisor in charge of the AU Band escort detail for all away football games.

Mona Kay Tidwell of Florence is a pharmacist for Kroger.

William Lee Waugh, Jr., is assistant professor of political science at Kansas State University, author of *International Terrorism: How Nations Respond to Terrorists*, and active in the Riley County Democratic Party. He and his wife, Deb, live in Manhattan, Kan.

Terry L. Price is new planning and inventory manager of woven fabrics for WestPoint Pepperell's Apparel Fabrics Division. He and his wife, Marcalyn, live in Shawmut and have a daughter, Melanie Lynn, 1.

David A. Barksdale, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., is superintendent of Batson-Cook Co.

Redus W. (Woody) Brooks, Jr., is regional sales manager for OKI Advanced Communications. He and his wife, Amy Malseberger '78, live in Barrington, Ill. Amy is a market analyst for Baxter-Travenol.

Dwight Daniel works on the design staff of a New York City corporation which converts apartments to co-ops and condos around the country, including a recent townhouse project at Lake Tahoe. Privately, Dwight designed a large country home in North Alabama, which is near completion.

Dr. Alison McClure of Beverly Hills, Calif., is a staff anesthesiologist at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital. She completed her residency at University Hospital in Birmingham in June 1983. She is currently enrolled in the fashion design program at L.A. Trade Technical College.

Jan Cooper is in the doctoral program in Rhetoric and Composition at the University of Iowa where she is completing her dissertation.

BORN: A son, James Ryan, to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Patton, Jr., of Sylacauga on June 20, 1983. He joins sister Lindsay Nicole, 2. James is a spinning department manager for Avondale Mills.

A daughter, Melissa Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Turner Harding (Wendy Wecht) of Phenix City on June 15, 1983. Wendy is foreign language department chairman and teacher of Spanish and German at Hardaway High School.

1977

Regina Scrivner Burton is a reading specialist in the Richardson Independent School District in Dallas, Tex.

Richard N. Brown owns Richard Brown's Auction and Real Estate Services in Huntsville. He is president of the Monrovia Men's Club and an officer in the Madison County Cattlemen's Association. He and his wife, Beverly Anita, have two children: Rachel, 3, and Hunter, 1.

James P. Layne is pharmacy supervisor at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Helena with their daughter, Kristin, 2.

Bonita Amelia Apperson teaches toddlers and kindergarten at KinderCare in Raleigh, N.C.

Howard Clyde Swann, Jr., and his wife, Elizabeth Aurelia Spencer, live in Mobile.

Linda Evelyn Hixon is a partner with Brick and Whalen, P.C., CPAs, in College Park, Ga.

Robert Mitchell Council is a senior programmer for Morrison, Inc., in Mobile. He and his wife, Rebecca Batts, have a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, 1.

David Neal Bush is a production engineer with U.S. Industrial Chemicals Co. in Houston, Tex., where he lives with his wife, Ellen.

Robert J. Otto is department head of bleaching at WestPoint Pepperell's Fairfax Finishing plant. He and his wife, Vickie, live in Lanett.

J. Randy Jordan and his wife, Janice Wright, live in Columbus, Ga.

Laury Fricke Edwards and her husband, Mike, live in Lyman, Neb., with their children, Sarah, 4, and James, 2.

Donna Dunn Rollins teaches English at Freeport High School in Freeport, Fla. She and her husband, Joseph E. Rollins, live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where he is an agent with Liberty National Life Insurance Co.

Peter J. Panco, Jr., DVM, is co-owner of Alpine Animal Hospital and Alpine Round Hill Animal Clinic. He lives in South Lake Tahoe,



AT SEC—Pictured above are a number of Auburn basketball fans in Nashville for the SEC Tournament. —AU Photographic Service





**OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND JUNIOR**—Recently honored by the Student Government Association were an outstanding faculty member and junior from each school. Pictured at the top are Engineering Dean Lynn Weaver, right, along with outstanding student Gregg Carr of Birmingham and outstanding faculty member, Dr. Thomas H. Shumpert of electrical engineering. In the middle photo are Education Dean Jack Blackburn, right, with faculty member Wiley Hartzog of the Department of Adult and Vocational Education, and student Renee Gardner of Auburn. At bottom are Susan McCullers of Ormand Beach, Fla., and Prof. Atha Beard of the Department of Accounting and Finance, who received the outstanding student and faculty awards for the School of Business.

Calif., with his wife, Cori, and their children: Scott, 12; Randy, 3; and Robbie, 5.

Susan Kinsey Fisher is a senior group buyer for Gayfer's. She lives in Montgomery.

Richard L. Greco is a practicing attorney in Tampa, Fla., where he and his wife, Elizabeth Ann, live.

H. L. Pierson is district sales manager for Southeast Toyota Distributors, Inc., in South Florida.

1978

Marwan S. Haddad and his wife, Nariman, live in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he owns his own business.

Mike D. Mizerany is a cost engineer with Rust International. He and his wife, Jeanette Wilson, live in Birmingham and have a son, Patrick Michael, 2.

Philip W. Baxter, DVM, of Vernon owns Lamar County Veterinary Clinic and is president of the Kiwanis Club.

Carolyn E. Boyd of Atlanta, Ga., is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines.

Linda Dopson Grenoble, DVM, is a veterinarian for Hawthorne Dog & Cat Hospital, has been published in the AVMA magazine, and is a self-employed equine veterinarian. She and her husband, Dale, live in Malibu, Calif.

Dawn Barkalow of Montgomery is a pharmacist for Big B Discount Drugs.

Roger Dale Chandler works for Athens Pharmacy. His wife, Julie Sigmon, is also in pharmacy and works for Medical Center Hospital in Huntsville. The Chandlers live in Athens and have two children—Candice, 3, and Jason, 1.

Barbara Bel Brown of Pensacola, Fla., is a marketing representative for Sun Bank Card Center.

Cheryl Stewart Bartlett works for Blue Cross-Blue Shield as a quality review analyst. She and her husband, Roger Bartlett, live in Pelham.

J. Ray Oliver of East Point, Ga., is a loan counselor for Fulton Federal Savings and Loan.

Catherine Leigh Wyatt of Houston, Tex., is director of childhood education at Second Baptist Church.

Yarisa D. Smith of Woodside, N.Y., is a cosmetics sales representative for Imperial Formula Toiletries.

Eddy R. Bruce is hatchery superintendent for Wayne Poultry Co. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Danville, Ark., with their children, Amy Nicole, 3, and Melissa Dawn, 1.

Amy W. Tompkins of Dothan is a music teacher with Emmanuel Christian School.

Marc M. Butts was promoted to Engineer I, technical services at Southern Company Services in Birmingham. An "Outstanding Young Man of America" selection for 1983, he lives in Childersburg with his wife, Lynn, and daughters Rita and Emily.

Lt. Col. Donald L. Fowler received the Meritorious Service Medal at Bergstrom AFB, Tex., for outstanding non-combat achievement. He is an air operations officer and pilot. Keeping him company at the base is his wife, Patricia.

W. Terry Travis is district attorney and director of the white collar crime unit for the 15th Judicial Circuit in Montgomery after graduating from Cumberland School of Law in 1982. He and his wife, Rosemary, have two children—Daniel, 3, and Elise, 7 months.

**BORN:** A son, Lucas Thomas, to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Gregory Bevis of Tallahassee, Fla., on June 25, 1983.

A daughter, Samantha JoAnne, to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Land, Jr., on June 9, 1983.

1979

Jane Elizabeth Maples received the MBA from the University of Kentucky in 1982 and is now a contract specialist for NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

Herbert George Martin is a geologist for Pennzoil Exploration and Production Co. in Houston, Tex.

William Truman Collier is vice president of Wire Road Farm Center. He and his wife, Mary, live in Auburn.

Karen Candler Tucker is a pharmacist/assistant manager for Harco Drugs in Atmore, where she and her husband, Larry, live.

Doug Moore is senior assistant manager for Household Finance in Columbus, Ga.

Luann Cavallaro is senior customer relations

representative for Piedmont Airlines. She lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Michael Ray Calhoun is a CPA with McLain, Lovins, and Company, P.C. He and his wife, Vicki, live in Vidalia, Ga., with their son, Adam, 1.

Cherry Smith Fitzgerald and her husband, George, live in Oakland, Calif., where he is working on his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley.

Charles Priestley Oliver manages Aaron Rents and Sells Office Furniture in Indianapolis, Ind., where he lives with his wife, Lucy.

Teresa Barry Devore and her husband, Dudley Allen Devore '76, live in Memphis, Tenn.

Debra Jean Vogel is a corporate banking officer with Southeast Bank, N.A. She and her husband, Eliot, live in Miami, Fla.

Mary E. Layfield and her husband, Christopher '72, live in Greenville.

Oscar Cobb Bostick is vice president of Data Processors of Selma, Inc. He and his wife, Pam Brady '81, live in Selma.

Dorothy Ann Hecht works for Alabama Power Co. in Birmingham and is a Jefferson county Auburn Club Hostess.

Alan Brown Weatherly and his wife, Carla Moody, live in Gadsden.

Jill Lynn Alexander is an evaluator with vocational rehabilitation services in Tuscaloosa.

Scarlett Stutts Tatum is a partner with her husband, O. Hilt Tatum, III, DMD, in Implant Surgery Supplies in Gainesville, Fla. Hilt graduated from the University of Florida College of Dentistry this year. They have a son, Oscar Hilt Tatum, IV, 3.

Mark Howard Burnick is a salesman with Burnick and Walton Sales, Inc., in Malvern, Pa., and a part-time licensed gun dealer. He and his wife, Leslie Weller '80, are interested in contacting alumni in the Philadelphia Area.

Michael Henry Quay left the Army in 1983 after a tour in Europe and achieving the rank of captain. He lives in Dunwoody, Ga.

David Edgar Norwood is an electrical engineer on the Space Shuttle at Vandenberg, AFB, Calif.

Capt. Jonathan G. Clapper is an air weapons controller at Tinker AFB, Okla., with the 552nd Airborne Warning and Control Wing.

Michael Scott Newton is district sales manager for AMF-CUNO and a Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dupage County volunteer. He and his wife, Wendy, live in Winfield, Ill.

Paula Leech is a product support representative with National Data Corp. in Norcross, Ga.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Wilson Fannin and her husband, Roger, moved from Birmingham to Grayson, Ky., where they work in his newly-established practice of optometry. Both have been named Kentucky Colonels by the governor.

1980

John Michael Martin is assistant cashier at Pioneer bank and is involved in Kiwanis, Junior Achievement, Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce, the American Marketing Association, and the American Institute of Banking. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bertha Thornbury Hoskins works for C.W. Amos & Company. She and her husband, Jim, live in Ft. Meade, Md.

John Brewer Ames, Jr., is project manager for Disco Aluminum Products. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and son, John, III, 1, live in Selma.

Lee Arden Kepler is assistant manager for Winn Dixie, Inc. He lives in Opelika with wife Patsy and sons Eric, 6, and Jonathan, 4.

Samuel Lee Peeples, III, of Jackson, Miss., is district manager of Saunders Leasing System, Inc. He and his wife, Cheri, have a son, Sam, IV, 1.

Bobby Ray Howard is project manager for Fineis construction. He and his wife, Susan Schiffman '81, live in Naples, Fla.

Levi Alvin Knapp, III, works for Coopers & Lybrand as a senior accountant. He and his wife, Susan Musgjerd, live in Birmingham.

Mary Connolly of Birmingham is a cytotechnologist at University Hospital.

Charles Duncan Lester of Montgomery is an estimator for Blount International, Ltd.

Douglas Lloyd Williams is assistant vice president of Wachovia Bank & Trust in Winston-Salem, N.C., and account officer of the Midwest territory in the National Banking Group.



Elizabeth Lee Johnson of Birmingham is a medical technologist for St. Vincent's Hospital.

Melanie Roberts Germany is director of pharmacy for Physicians & Surgeons Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. She and her husband, Thomas (Gordy) Germany '77, have one son, Charles Ryan, 1.

James Michael Nolan of Mobile works for Stauffer Chemical Co. as a process-project engineer.

Johnathan David Driggers is a chemist for Farm & Industrial Chemical Co. He and his wife, Bridger, live in Dalton, Ga., and have a daughter, Dryden Rose, 2.

Roger Garvin Law is an engineer for Batson-Cook Co. He and his wife, Becky, live in Woodstock, Ga., with their daughter, Whitney Anne, 1.

Kenneth Hardy Loeftgren is a sales engineer for The Ceco Corp. He and his wife, Deborah Rice '79, live in Orange Park, Fla.

William Larry Kimbro is territory sales representative for Shell Oil Co. He and his wife, Karen, live in Tampa, Fla., with their daughter, Julia Lee, 3.

Lee Bryan is director of front office operations for the Mobile Hilton.

Lisa Todd Sulkosky of Prattville is administrative assistant of the international department for Bush Hog/Continental Gin Company.

Lt. Michelle Kathleen Stinson is returning to the U.S. after three years in Germany as a tactical electronic warfare officer. She will be promoted to captain and be stationed in Maryland with the National Security Agency after attending classes in Arizona.

1/Lt. William L. Jones is a civil engineering officer with the tactical missile wing at RAF Greenham Common, England.

Kurt Furst is account manager for the E. Bruce Harrison Company in Washington, D.C. The company specializes in public relations and management consulting.

Nicky Davis is assistant technical superintendent at WestPoint Pepperell's Opelika finishing plant. He and his wife, Susan, live in Opelika.

#### 1981

Susan Meredith Brown lives in Maitland, Fla., where she is chief pharmacist at Eckerd Drugs.

Gregory Alan Heer is a 2nd lieutenant and pilot in the Air Force.

Susan Schiffman Howard and her husband, Bobby Ray '80, live in Naples, Fla., where Susan is a landscape designer for Landscapes Unlimited Corp.

Frances Kimberly Irrgang lives in Atlanta, Ga., where she is a programmer for Delta Air Lines.

Edward Wells Blake, Jr., is regional supervisor for Southern Cross Corp. in Birmingham.

Dominic Anthony Fucci plays professional baseball with the Detroit Tigers.

W. Reed Smith lives in Montgomery and is an administrative specialist for IBM. During his spare time he is assistant scoutmaster for a Boy Scout troop.

Roberta Wagnon Bennett lives in Homewood with her husband, Frank, and stepchildren, Debbie, 17, and Jackie, 15. Roberta is operating control systems engineer for U.S. Steel.

Karen Sue Riegle is inventory forester for Champion International, Inc.

Toni Allison Porter lives in Garden Grove, Calif., where she is an engineer/scientist for McDonnell Douglas Astronautics.

Jeanie Gay Nunn lives in Jacksonville where she is assistant manager for Wal-Mart.

Walter Cullars Dorsey, Jr., is project engineer for David Volkert and Associates in Mobile.

Diana Lee Berchielli is youth activities coordinator for Sitmar Cruises. She lives in Plantation, Fla.

Michael Byron Shirey and his wife, Amanda, live in Fort Payne with their daughter, Hannah Leigh, 1. Mike is a civil engineer for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Michael William Findley lives in Brewton and is a project engineer for Container Corporation of America.

Lisa Boggs Gardner and her husband, William, live in Smyrna, Ga., where she is a CPA for Ernst & Whinney.

Barry Keith McNutt is a field engineer for McMerit Construction Co. in Palm Harbor, Fla.

J.T. (Tom) Houghton is assistant technical superintendent in the chemical lab at West-

Point Pepperell's Opelika finishing plant. He and his wife, Janet, live in Alexander City with their daughter, Courtney Lorraine, 2.

Cynthia Batt Chitwood and her husband, Stephen, live in Madison.

2/Lt. Patrick M. Wright is on duty in Siegelbach, W. Germany, as an assistant ammunition officer.

Julie Sanderson lives in Florence, S.C., where she is material control specialist for General Electric.

Rick A. Beiswenger and his wife, Sharon Bragg '80, live in Houston, Tex. Rick is at the Kellogg Rust Constructors, Inc., home office where he is directing the relocation process of the KRCI domestic field employees. Sharon is chief cost accountant for Moore Paper Co.

Chris J. Butterworth and his wife, Carol Baldwin, live in Birmingham where Chris is commercial account representative with Aetna Life and Casualty.

1/Lt. Kenneth R. Cate has been decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal in Izmir, Turkey. He is a recreation services officer.

Frank Magazine lives in Houston, Tex., where he is environmental engineering supervisor with USS Chemicals. He is also working on his M.B.A. at the University of Houston.

Andrew V. Cebula is assistant manager of industry research for National Air Transportation Association in Alexandria, Va.

Susan H. Hill is new manager of public relations and publications for the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Her husband, Andrew '83, is a designer at U.S. Corrugated Fibre Box.

**MARRIED:** Glenda Renee Montgomery to Evan Allison Derby, Jr. They live in York where Allison is purchasing agent for Tombigbee Lightweight Aggregate Corp.

Sylvia Mary Umber to Michael Ray Claborn on December 17 in Decatur. They live in Auburn.

Lori Ann Vander Breggen to Howard Jeffrey Lindsey in July. Howard is a senior dental student at the Medical College of Georgia and will do his residency in orthodontics at the University of Kentucky.

Carolyn Crocker to David Stanley. They live in La Grange, Ga.

**BORN:** A son, Justin Del, to Ginger Sudeth and her husband on May 12, 1982. They live in Pell City.

A son, Brian Steven, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Steven Jernigan (Lois Page) on July 23. They live in Pensacola, Fla., where Steve is an architect for Amspacher & Amspacher-Architects.

#### 1982

Keith David Lindquist is a salesman for Lanier Business Products in Birmingham.

Dorothy A. (Toni) Anderson is a junior accountant for WestPoint Pepperell, Inc., in Lanett.

Frank A. Robinson lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is dock supervisor and operations manager for Consolidated Freightways.

Albert Edmund Shortt and his wife, Rebecca, live in Charlotte, N.C., where he is engineer assistant for Duke Power Co.

Rita Joyce Maulden lives in Ludowici, Ga., where she is a civil engineer in design for the U.S. Government at Ft. Stewart.

Michael Locklear and his wife, Margaret Dillard '80, live in Clearwater, Fla. Mike is operations manager for Consolidated Freightways.

Karen Hartley is a reporter for *The Montgomery Advertiser*.

Robert Lee Fant is chief of environmental and contract planning for the USAF. He was named the Junior Officer of the Quarter at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado.

Jeaneen Wallace Harris and her husband, Daniel Paul, live in Beaumont, Tex. Jeaneen is personnel director for D & R Enterprises.

Donald Raymond Claxton is staff accountant for Kirkland & Co. in Anniston.

William Obert is an engineer for Alabama Power Co. He lives in Ashford.

Christopher Thomas Langille lives in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where he has opened a full-line, full-service sporting goods store called *The Competitor's Edge*. He invites "all Tiger alums of any vintage to drop in to say hi."

Susan Ufford is a bridge design engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation in Atlanta.



**SGA HONORS**—The SGA's top honors for the School of Nursing (top photo) went to Prof. Carol Thompson, left, and student Sytan Lytle of Gadsden. Prof. Winifred Worman, left, represented Dean Mary Woody who could not be present. Prof. Guy Pidgeon, left, received the honors as outstanding professor for the School of Veterinary Medicine. Pictured with him are his wife, Rhoda, medical illustrator for the school who recently designed the cover of the AVMA Directory in orange and blue, and Dean Tom Vaughan. Prof. Susan Weaver (right, bottom photo) was the SGA's top faculty member in the School of Home Economics. Pictured with her is Home Economics Dean Ruth Galbraith. Not pictured is outstanding student Visa Varner of Fairborn, Ohio.





**FACULTY STUDENTS HONORED**—Louise Stiles Conrad (center, top photo), of Louisville, Ky., is the SGA's Outstanding Junior for the School of Veterinary Medicine. Pictured with her are husband, Frederick Conrad (left), and Dean Tom Vaughan of the School of Veterinary Medicine. Zoology major Nancy Bass of Tifton, Ga., (center photo) took the student honors for the School of Agriculture. Pictured with her is Dean Robert Voitle. Dr. William Mason of general biology, who was unable to attend the ceremonies, was the school's outstanding faculty member. A pre-medicine major from Decatur, Rebecca Stover is the top junior in the School of Arts and Sciences. She is pictured with Dean Edwards Hobbs. English Professor James Hammersmith, pictured separately, received the honors as top professor.

Mack Buchanan Mauldin works in the credit analysis department as management associate at the First National Bank of Atlanta.

Allyson Cook is now Allyson Cook Reynolds. She is a freelance graphic artist in Tampa, Fla.

Hollis H. Reese graduated from pilot training at Reese AFB, Tex., on February 24. He is flying T-33s at Tyndall AFB in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Beatriz Ana Navia teaches a special education class in the Birmingham City Schools.

Amy Louise Sparks is a programmer/analyst for Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville.

Ronald J. Sanders is unit manager for Health and Personal Care division of Procter and Gamble in Houston, Tex.

Bart Stephen Cuthbertson is a financial analyst trainee at the corporate offices of Pic'n Pay Stores, Inc., in Charlotte, N.C.

2/Lt. Dan C. Yarbrough graduated from Air Force pilot training and received silver wings at Columbus AFB, Miss. He and his wife, Dianne, now live at Charleston AFB, S.C.

Richard Childs is an accounting and controls analyst in the comptroller's department of the home office of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. in Newark, N.J.

Randall Brown is a landscape architect in charge of sales and design for Holmer Corp. in Huntsville.

2/Lt. James B. Copenhagen graduated from Air Force pilot training and received his silver wings. He is stationed at Charleston AFB, S.C.

**MARRIED:** Marie Roseann Sanders to James H. Parkhurst. They live in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.

Marianne E. Dix to John DeWitt Little on September 10. They live in Charleston, S.C.

Robin Sue Hancock to Lt. Robert Edward Bialas, II, on December 30 in Atlanta, Ga. They live at Mather AFB in Sacramento, Calif.

Suzanne Davis to Jeffrey Allen Fuls on September 4, 1982. Jeffrey is a chemical engineer with Thiokol at Redstone Arsenal.

Donna Lynn Fussell to Mark Miller Heldman. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where Mark is vice president of sales for Thweatt & Heldman Brokerage Co.

Lucille Tyler Smith to Robert Alan Jackson. They live in Mobile where Alan is an engineer for Martin Marietta.

Vernelle Elmore to Edward Bryce Murtagh '83. They live in Gilbertown where Vernelle is an English teacher at McIntosh High School.

Shan Cash to Lt. Edward Allan O'Neal, Jr., September 3. Edward is a battalion medical officer at Fort Benning, Ga., and in July will assume command of the medical company at Noble Army Hospital, Fort McClellan, Ala.

Nancy Louise Nelson to Dennis Lee Kent on January 14 in Tuskegee. They live in Plains, Kan.

**BORN:** A son, B. Nathan, to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Spearing (Gina Nickman) on June 27, 1983. They live in Huntsville where Brad is a engineer for Teledyne Brown.

A son, Joshua Mark, to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mark Hendon on November 15. They live in Fort Jackson, S.C.

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Mark R. Van Dyke is programmer analyst III in systems division for Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville.

Ken Knox Livesay lives in Lawrenceville, Ga., with his wife, Donna, where he is staff accountant for Ernst & Whinney.

Mary Lisa Tillery Wainwright and her husband, Ronald Gene, live in Atlanta where Lisa is a junior accountant for Jones & Kolb, CPAs.

Alison Ray Gregory of Auburn is an industrial engineer for Fairchild Industries.

William Robert Beauchamp is a research assistant at Auburn.

Kent Allen Back of Gadsden is a salesman for Foster and Kleiser.

Carol Ann Powers is operations coordinator for franchise and corporate stores for Domino's Pizza, Inc., at the regional headquarters in Atlanta.

Debbie Powers is an operations analyst for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Tamra Lea Huddleston lives in Birmingham where she is a loan review officer for the Colonial Bank of Alabama.

Beth Ann Eaton works for Dysan Corpora-

tion, a leading manufacturer of rotating magnetic media for the computer, in Atlanta. She says she wants "to encourage other alumni to hire recent graduates—I was hired by an alum from the class of '73."

Cheryl D. Crook is plant manager for Now Products, Inc., a novelty foam furniture manufacturer in Newnan, Ga.

Michael Andrew Laing is attending the University of Alabama Law School.

Gilbert Kurtis Ulrich is employed by Paine Webber brokerage firm in St. Petersburg, Fla.

2/Lt. Robert Hobbs, III, has completed an infantry officer basic course at the U.S. Army Infantry School in Fort Benning, Ga.

Andrew C. Hill is a designer at U.S. Corrugated Fibre Box in Huntsville. His wife, Susan, is with the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce.

David Christopher Grider is a quality engineer with Harris Corp. in Melbourne, Fla. He lives in Palm Bay, Fla.

George Stuart Blackwell lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., where he works for IBM.

Malinda McCray lives in Columbus, Miss., where she works with the television station in production and directs the 10 o'clock news.

Russell Clifton Lockhart is a mid-day announcer for WMGY in Montgomery.

Barbara Alison Howell lives in Huntsville where she is associate engineer for McDonnell Douglas Technical Services.

Barbara Anne Woltner is a secretary for Naval Supply Systems Command of the Department of the Navy. She lives in Moonbridge, Va.

R.W. (Randy) Price is safety director at WestPoint Pepperell's Lindale, Ga., Mill. He lives in Rome, Ga.

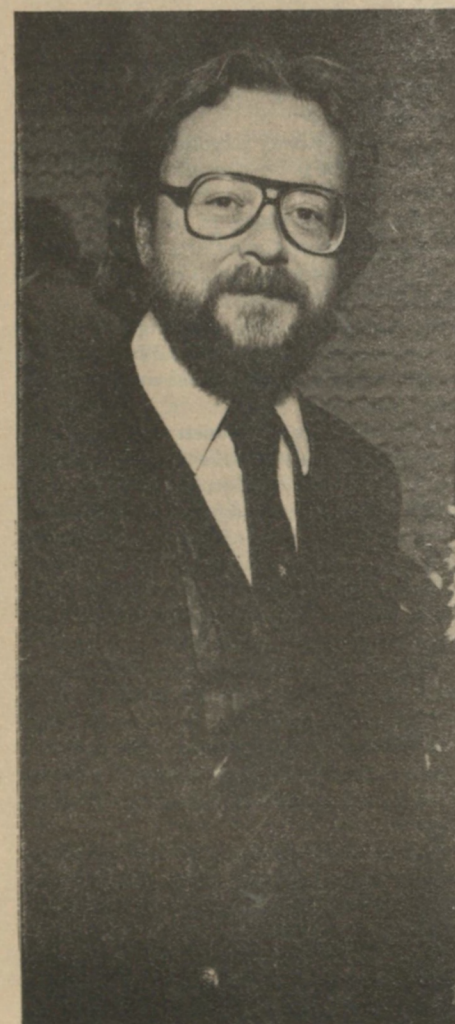
Kathi Kilgore is now Kathi K. Wright. She lives in East Point, Ga.

**MARRIED:** Susan Marie Weidenbach to Dennis David Hamlet on Dec. 17 in Eufaula. They live in Anniston.

Liezette Marie Felicione to Richard Donald Bowen. They live in Tampa, Fla., where Liezette is a sales counselor for Mademoiselle Figure and Fitness.

Paula Rene Best to William Harold Stoll, Jr. They live in Tampa, Fla., where Bill is a loan officer for United Companies, Mortgage of Florida, Inc.

Cherie Lark Johnson to D. Wesley Smith on December 28. Wesley is a medical student at Emory University.



**OUTSTANDING TEACHER**—English Professor Dr. James P. Hammersmith has been named this year's Outstanding Professor in the Arts & Sciences by the SGA. Dr. Hammersmith specializes in Shakespeare.



# Sports

## A-Day Good News, Bad News Day

By Mike Jernigan '80

For Auburn sports fans, A-Day, 1984, was a good news-bad news kind of day. The worst of the bad news was basketball all-everything player Charles Barkley's announcement that he would forego his senior year of eligibility at Auburn to enter the upcoming NBA draft. Barkley, perhaps the greatest center to ever play for the Tigers, said that he reached his decision during the recent U.S. Olympic trials, when he found that he could play competitively with the best college players in the country. He added that college ball was no longer a challenge for him, so he felt the time was right to move up to the professional level. With Barkley in the lineup next year, Auburn might well have been the pre-season favorite to win the SEC title. Without him, the team is an unknown quantity at best.

The loss of Charles Barkley was not the only damper on A-Day festivities. The weather also refused to cooperate. Athletic Department officials had high hopes of breaking the unofficial attendance record for a spring game (35,000 at Notre Dame), but cloudy skies and the threat of rain kept many would-be spectators at home. Despite the poor weather, a crowd of 21,000 did turn out for the day's activities, and those who did were treated to an exciting time.

The afternoon got underway with a baseball double-header against arch-rival Alabama at Plainsman Park. The only thing crimson about the tide after the games were over was their faces, as underdog Auburn swept a pair of games by the scores of 3-2 and 2-1. For Tiger coach Paul Nix, the first win marked his 600th career victory in 28 years of coaching.

After the baseball games, the football team took center stage. There are many questions to be answered about this year's Tigers, and both Coach Dye and the fans hoped to get some answers from the A-Day game. Before the game, Dye talked about what the team had accomplished this spring. "We had three goals this spring," Dye said. "One, to establish a personality on offense; two, shaping a defense that creates mistakes and makes things happen; and three, improving our specialty teams."

While Dye expressed satisfaction regarding the defense and specialty teams, he made it clear that the offense has some way yet to go. The biggest question offensively remains the quarterback position, though Dye said he has complete confidence in junior Pat Washington. There is also some question as to who will fill the halfback position left vacant by the graduation of "little train" Lionel James.

Asked about the upcoming year's SEC race, Dye picked Florida as the winner, with Alabama and Georgia vying for second. As for Auburn's chances, Dye only smiled and said "We should be somewhere in the hunt."

The game itself proved to be somewhat of a surprise. After a spring in which the defense had dominated every scrimmage, the A-Day game was full of offensive fireworks. The first quarter alone saw four touchdowns scored. The Blue team, quarterbacked by Mike Mann and Jeff Burger, got touchdown runs of 16 yards out from Alan Evans, 20 yards by Kyle Collins and 2 yards by Tommy Agee to coast to a quick 21-0 lead. The White team, with Pat Washington and Ed Spurlin at the helm, finally got on the scoreboard in spectacular fashion when Brent Fullwood outran the Blue secondary to turn a short pass into a 78 yard touchdown.

The second quarter was scoreless, but in the third period the Blue offense got on track once again when Burger hit tight end Jeff Parks for a 56 yard touchdown pass. Shortly afterwards, halfback Tim Jessie burst up the middle 71 yards for another Blue score, removing the last hope for the White comeback. White back Brent Fullwood did wake up the crowd briefly with a 66 yard scoring run, but the Blue team answered with two field goals by Robert McGinty to make the final score 41-14 in favor of the Blues.

After the game, Dye admitted that the battle for the starting position at quarterback was once again wide open after a poor performance by Washington and comparatively good showings by Mann and Burger. Dye also expressed displeasure at the numerous turnovers by both teams, but he attributed some of the blame to the wet conditions. All in all, however, Dye said he was pleased with the progress the team made this spring. "I don't know if we'll have a better team than last year," he said, "But we have as much material and maybe more potential. We haven't developed that personality yet, but I can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

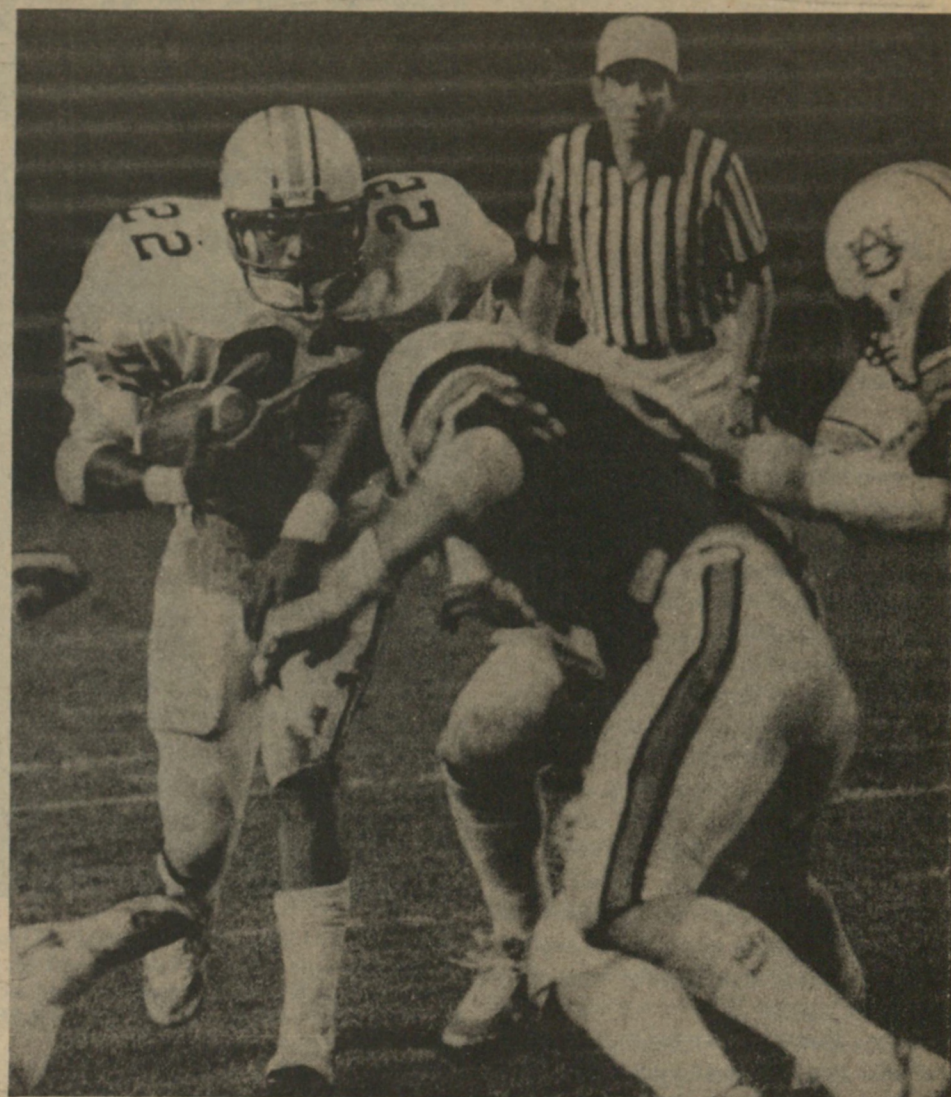
## Kickoff Classic Information

For alumni who are planning a trip to New York and the Meadowlands for the August 27 game with Miami, the Auburn Alumni Association has put together a variety of travel alternatives.

The first essential for everybody is, of course, a game ticket. Tickets can be ordered from the Athletic Ticket Office at P.O. Box 351, Auburn, AL 36831-0351. Unlimited tickets are available at \$17.50 each (plus \$2.00 postage per order). Make checks payable to the Auburn Athletic Department. Tickets will be sent after July 15 by certified mail.

Alumni interested in a one-day round trip chartered flight to the game can contact Jim Romager at the War Eagle Express, 5036 Wagon Trace, Birmingham, AL 35243 or phone (205) 967-6008.

Those alumni interested in longer stays in the environs of the Big Apple will want to consider the Alumni-Association-sponsored air and land packages. With the



**IN ACTION**—Brent Fullwood gains yardage during Auburn's Annual A-Day Game April 28. Fullwood is one of many promising athletes fighting for a berth against Miami in the Kickoff Classic in August.

Land Package, you get yourself to New York and spend three days at the New York Hilton on the Avenue of the Americas. The Land Package includes hotel reservations, round-trip bus trips to the Meadowlands and back, name badges and luggage handling as well as New York baggage handling and occupancy taxes. The Land Package is \$175 per person, double occupancy for three nights (August 25-28) (additional nights \$50 per person, per night); triple occupancy, \$155 per person (additional nights \$40 per person, per night); quad occupancy, \$135 per person (additional nights \$35 per person); single, \$325; child, \$20 with parents.

The Air Package includes the Land Package with the addition of Delta or Eastern flights made available to Auburn alumni and friends at special rates with departures from the following cities: Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery, Ala.; Jacksonville, Orlando, Pensacola, and Tallahassee, Fla.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Atlanta, Ga. Air tickets are \$300 per person round-trip except for children under 12 which are \$225.

A deposit of the full Land Package price is required. Payment for airline tickets can be charged to your credit card or billed after June 15. Deadline for all reservations is July 30. However, space is limited and reservations will be made on a first-come basis. Reservations for the packages can be sent to the Kickoff Classic, Auburn Alumni

Association, 116 Foy Union Building, Auburn University, AL 36849.

## Swim Season Concludes

The eighth-ranked Auburn men finished the dual meet portion of their season with a 61-52 win over ninth ranked Miami and a 67-46 loss to second-ranked Florida, having a 7-1 record. Auburn's women, ranked seventh in the country, lost to second-ranked Florida, 74.5-65.5, and finished 2-4. At the Florida meet Steve Bauman, a freshman from Gaithersburg, Md., had the time of 9:09.93 in the 1000 which erased Rick Morley's school record of 9:10.66 set in 1979. Diver Skipper Wood, SEC and regional Diver of the Year last year, had what coach John Asmuth called "the best three-meter diving performance in his career" against Florida. For the women, Libby Pruden had NCAA qualifying time in the 500 freestyle and Beth Eckerlein had her best personal time in the 500 freestyle and her first collegiate win in the 200 individual relay.

The men's team finished 3rd in the SEC Championships held in Athens, Ga., March 1-3. John Black won the 50 and 100-yard freestyle breaking Rowdy Gaines' SEC record in the 50 with a 19.89 time. On



March 21-24 the NCAA Championships were held in Cleveland, Ohio, and Auburn finished 8th. The women's team finished 3rd in the SEC Championships and 6th in the NCAA Championships behind Florida and Alabama.

John Black won All-American in the 50, 400, 800, and 100 freestyle relays and the 400 medley relay. Annie Lett won All-American in the 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 freestyle relays and in the 200 and 400 medley relays.

## Divers Practice To Make Perfect

By Mike Jernigan

A diver arcs gracefully through the air and then slices cleanly into the water while barely stirring a ripple. It all seems so effortless, yet I often wondered how many painful "belly flops" or other miscues must have preceded each flawless dive. According to Auburn Diving Coach Scott Rich, too many to count.

Divers usually begin their careers early, most frequently at age eight or nine. Early training is devoted mostly to the basics, with board approaches getting the most attention. This aspect of diving is as much a matter of instinct as anything which can be learned. The trick lies in learning to adjust one's speed in moving down the board to the spring of the board itself; a successful estimation usually leads to a good dive.

Once a diver has mastered the approach, the next step is to begin learning one dive at a time. Each succeeding dive becomes increasingly complex until the diver has learned the techniques which enable him or her to enter into competition. The level of competition is generally high; the United States is the acknowledged leader in international diving with strongly competitive programs nationwide for beginning through collegiate divers.

Learning the techniques involved is only part of the process, however, Coach Rich is quick to point out. The most difficult part of all may be subduing and conquering fear. Though extremely serious diving accidents are relatively rare, a threat of injury is always present, especially during the more complex dives often seen in meets. Rich's method for handling this problem is practice and more practice. Practice in turn breeds confidence, which Rich feels can turn fear into "healthy respect" for the difficulties involved. It is also vital that a good relationship exist between diver and coach. The diver must have absolute confidence in the coach's assessment of his or her capabilities.

There are also devices available which make it easier for the coach and diver to get some idea of the diver's progress before taking the risks inherent in a difficult dive. The most common of these, and the one which is used by Auburn, looks somewhat more like a gallows than a training device. Called simply a spotting rig, it consists of a trampoline over which a metal bar supports a rope and a system of pulleys. A harnessed diver is attached to the rope; then he or she can use the trampoline to simulate takeoff from a diving board. The diver will be held in the air by use of the pulleys long enough to go through the



**TOP FOOTBALL HONORS**—The top 1983 football honors went to three well-known names on the Auburn team during half-time on A Day. Randy Campbell, right, received the Cliff Hare Award; Donnie Humphrey, center, received the Ken Rice Award which goes to the outstanding defensive player; and Lionel James received the Pat Sullivan Award, which goes to the outstanding offensive player.

—AU Photo

motions of the dive without fear of an awkward landing if he makes a mistake.

Despite the spotting rig, lack of proper facilities continues to be a problem for Auburn's diving and swimming teams. Pool time must be shared among a number of university departments in addition to the athletic teams; as a result, practices are often held at odd hours of the morning or night. Even more of a problem for the divers is the lack of a diving tower. Auburn's high divers have to travel to Tuscaloosa once a week to practice on the platform at the University of Alabama. This glaring lack of facilities also makes the recruiting of quality athletes more difficult.

In spite of these problems, Coach Rich feels the Auburn diving program is on the upswing. The men's team had its first SEC Diver of the Year last year in Skipper Ward, while Rich feels that the women's team may be among the top 10 to 15 in the country. That these accomplishments have been achieved despite the lack of facilities is a tribute both to the divers and their coaches. The community and the athletic department have also been most supportive according to Rich.

The successes so far, while encouraging, are modest when compared to the potential that the Auburn program has. The university and the area are already powerful recruiting tools, as shown so well by the success enjoyed by the football and basketball teams at present. If Auburn could find a way to combine this recruiting atmosphere with adequate facilities, the combination might very well boost the Tigers into the collegiate diving penthouse with such perennial powers as Texas and Florida.

## Campbell Receives Cliff Hare Award

Randy Campbell, a third string junior varsity quarterback who became the winningest quarterback in the Southeastern Conference, received the 1984 Cliff Hare Award, the highest honor in Auburn athletics on A Day. The Cliff Hare Award is given annually to the "student who, in addition to athletic and scholastic achievement, exhibits in great degree the qualities of leadership, integrity, and courage."

The award honors the late Clifford Leroy Hare, a member of Auburn's first football team, professor of chemistry, president of the old Southern Conference, and longtime chairman of Auburn's faculty athletic committee. Dean Hare believed "athletics make men strong, study makes men wise, and character makes men great."

In 1981, in his third year at Auburn, Randy Campbell was a junior varsity quarterback seeing little if any playing time. A year later he was Auburn's starting quarterback, masterminding Auburn's return to glory.

Campbell set SEC and NCAA career and seasonal records for fewest interceptions per pass attempt and he directed an Auburn offense that led the nation in fewest turnovers over a two-year period.

In his two years as the starting quarterback, Auburn won more games than it has during any two-year period in its history, 20. Lloyd Nix won 19 in 1957-58 and Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan won 18 in 1970-71. Both are former Cliff Hare Award recipients.

Teammate Lionel James described Campbell as the heart and soul of the Auburn football team. "He's like the heart in our body," James said. "Without him, we couldn't go on...."

With Campbell at quarterback, Auburn won its first SEC title in 26 years and its first Sugar Bowl championship.

"There is no way to say what Randy has meant to our entire athletic program," said Pat Dye, Auburn's athletic director and head football coach. "He has been an inspiration for everyone, especially those athletes who had to rely on heart, desire, and determination to make up for what they lacked in ability."

## Women's Track

By Jennie Farrar

The women's track fans eagerly await the next two weeks as the SEC Championship approaches, and on May 10, the best of Auburn's track team will be running in Baton Rouge, La. As the *Alumnews* goes to press, the women's track team already is competing in the prestigious Penn Relays in Philadelphia the weekend of April 26-28.

Coach Paul Segersten entered some of his top women performers in the 400 and 1600 meter relays and placed several in individual events. Two of Auburn's All-American hurdlers, junior Clara Hairston and freshman Rosalind Pendergraft, will be running the 100 meter hurdles and sophomore Fawn Young will be running the 100 meters. Clara, Rosalind and Fawn will help in the relays with Jean Bauer, Sadie Smith and Gina Washington.

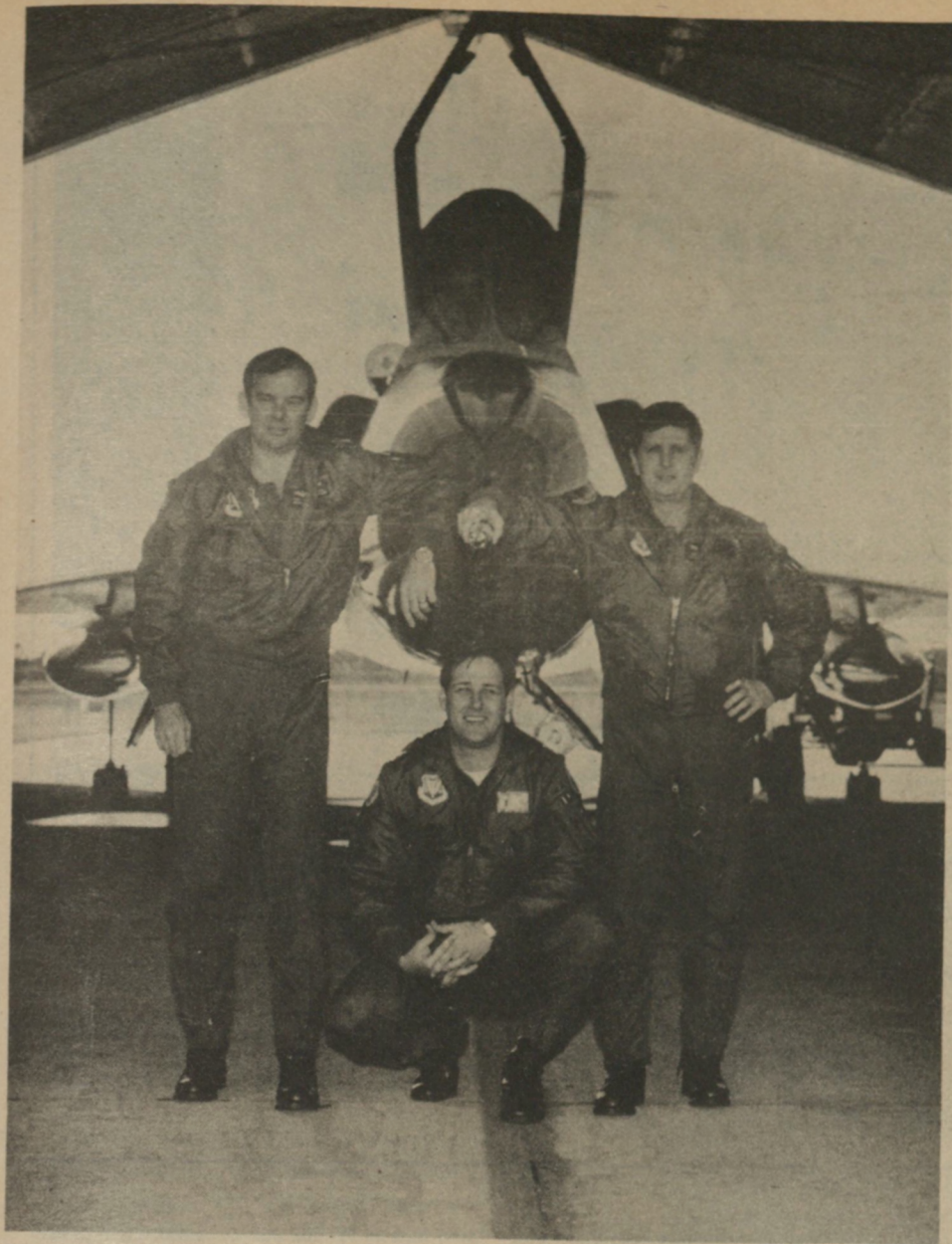
Some of Auburn's track women deserve special recognition. Clara Hairston has distinguished herself throughout Auburn's indoor and outdoor season, having qualified for the NCAA and TAC. Other outstanding performers are: Dee Dee Bailey, who runs the 800 meters, but is versatile in races ranging from the 400 to 5,000; Mary Clinard, a sophomore walk-on with one of the fastest 800 times; Toni Gariano, a senior who pulled Auburn through its Cross-Country season last winter and who has provided strength in the distance races; Maria Large, a sophomore who established herself as a strong runner in the mile and the 3,000 her freshman year; June Reid, a sophomore who is one of Auburn's best shot putters and discus throwers; Martha Seiler, a junior who has performed consistently as a high jumper; Gina Washington, a junior who gives the team great depth in sprinting events; and Fawn Young, who received the 1983 award as Women's Track Athlete of the Year, and who has, in her second year at Auburn, a long list of records, which keeps the sprinters and middle distance runners in the lead.

The women's track team also has several newcomers this year, including: Jean Bauer, Kris Kittle, Pam Leopard, Brenda Malinauskas, Rosalind Pendergraft, and Sadie Smith.

## Barkley and Person Make Olympic 20

Two Auburn basketball players, Charles Barkley and Chuck Person, are among the 20 players who will be competing for 12





**WAR EAGLE PILOTS**—Maj. Buddy Titshaw '70 of Orange Park, Fla., Capt. Jim Thompson '77 of Jacksonville, Fla., and Lt. Col. Gene Quick '63 of St. Simons Island, Ga., (left to right) are F106 pilots with the 159th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the Florida Air National Guard in Jacksonville, Fla. Buddy is on active duty with the Florida Air Guard. Jim is vice president of Regency Square Properties in Jacksonville. And Gene is forest resources procurement manager with Hercules, Inc., in Brunswick, Ga. His son Scott is a freshman at Auburn in electrical engineering.

slots on the USA Olympic basketball team. The two Auburnites were among the nation's top 72 players invited to try out for the team. The final cuts will come on July 14, two weeks before the Olympics in Los Angeles.

All along SEC Player of the Year Barkley has been regarded as a likely prospect for the team while Person was considered a long shot. Now that he's gotten so far, however, the all-around Auburn player who's suffered under a variety of injuries during much of his Auburn career, says that he'll be "really disappointed" if he doesn't make that final team.

## Auburn Clubs

**BATON ROUGE AREA** Auburn Alumni met February 14 to hear Coach Sonny Smith talk about the basketball program. John Bierker, president, presided over the meeting attended by 48 Auburn fans. New officers elected include: David C. Sutton, president; George Nelson, 1st vice president; Bill Ward '50, 2nd vice president; Dominic A. Cangelos '67, secretary; and Morris Welch '68, treasurer.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY** Auburn Club met March 27 at the Pell City Civic Center. More than 140 alumni and friends came to the dinner to hear Coach Jack Crowe discuss Auburn football. W.D. Jackson is president of the club.

**ST. LOUIS, MO., AUBURN CLUB** has been busy with Auburn activities during the past few months and has already made plans for next fall. Now history are the club's great Valentine Dance at Scott AFB and the listening party for the A-Day Game which will be taking place as *The Alumnews* goes to press. Already planned for next fall are listening and watching parties, starting with the Kickoff Classic watching party in August at the home of club president Ken Brewer. The club plans to elect new officers in August and is trying to increase its membership. For additional information on joining Auburn friends, write the St. Louis Auburn Club, P.O. Box 12757, St. Louis, Mo. 63141.

The **HOUSTON AREA** Auburn Club sponsored a Texas style barbecue for club members and their families April 14 at Hillman's Distributors. Steve Buettner '71 and his wife, Cathy Johnson Buettner '73, coordinated the event. Also slated in April was the Clear Lake City Luncheon for grads and friends in the NASA area. Tony Carbone '71 and Alex MacDonald '80 chaired the party, which was held April 28 at Mallorca's on Galveston Bay. The next Houston Area Club meeting is May 16 at the Barrington Apts. Clubhouse to elect new officers and vote on whether to make the club a non-profit corporation. Other upcoming activities include a Happy Hour June 6 and the annual meeting and Bubba awards ceremony June 8.

## Dye's Letter to Alumni

Time does fly.

It seems like no time at all since we were going through our first spring training at Auburn. It is hard to believe, but some of the players who we recruited that first year will be seniors this coming season. Some of them have matured into pretty good football players, and we are proud of every one of them.

We promised when we came to Auburn three years ago that we would do our best to provide Auburn and Auburn people with a championship quality football program. We pledged to do that within the rules and framework of the Southeastern Conference and the NCAA.

Some people, some of them good Auburn people, doubted whether we would be able to win without choosing to ignore or overlook certain rules and regulations. We didn't know whether or not we would win, but we knew we would win or lose with class, dignity, and integrity. Whatever happened would happen within the framework of the SEC and NCAA.

A lot has happened since 1981, and we are fortunate that most of it has been good. We have enjoyed success and we have been able to recruit some quality athletes in all sports, not just football. We are not where we want to be, not yet, but we have made progress toward reaching our goals.

Our pledge to you, our commitment to you, the Auburn people, is the same today that it was in January of 1981: We will try our best to provide you with a championship program in all sports, especially football. Whatever we do, win or lose, will be done within the framework of the NCAA and SEC.

Winning is important, but winning alone is not worth sacrificing your class and integrity. It is not worth the shame of going through an NCAA probation. In this day and time it would be very, very difficult to be on probation and maintain the standards of excellence we want to maintain.

Each and every coach and athletic staff member knows that he or she will be fired immediately if an SEC or NCAA rule is willfully broken. Each coach and staff member signs a pledge to abide by the rules each year. Violation of that pledge is, of itself, grounds for immediate dismissal. We will not tolerate willful violations. Too much is at stake to allow one individual to place the entire program in jeopardy.

Our coaches and staff members know where they stand in regard to the rules and they know the consequences to each of them if they do not abide by the rules, but we need—we must have—your help if we are to be in full compliance with the rules that govern our athletic program.

We are responsible for your actions as well as our own. This message is an attempt to "educate" you on what you can and can't do in terms of support for our program.

We sincerely appreciate your support, your loyalty and your offers to help us in recruiting. Recruiting, however, is a complex area and we are committed to the philosophy that the coaches—the people who know the rules—are the people who should do the recruiting.

Your help in recruiting should be limited to contacting us about prospective student-athletes in your area. It is very important that you take no action of your own before talking with us.

We appreciate your offers of help in recruiting and we will accept your help, but we must accept it on our terms. We hope you understand that and will cooperate with us in abiding by the spirit and letter of the law.

Those who say Auburn cannot be successful without violating the rules are sadly underestimating Auburn. Auburn's best recruiting assets are Auburn and Auburn people. To say that we have to violate the rules is saying that Auburn itself is not good enough to attract the finest, brightest and best students in the country.

If we have done one thing in the three years we have been here, I hope we have proven that not to be true. Auburn can compete with the best.

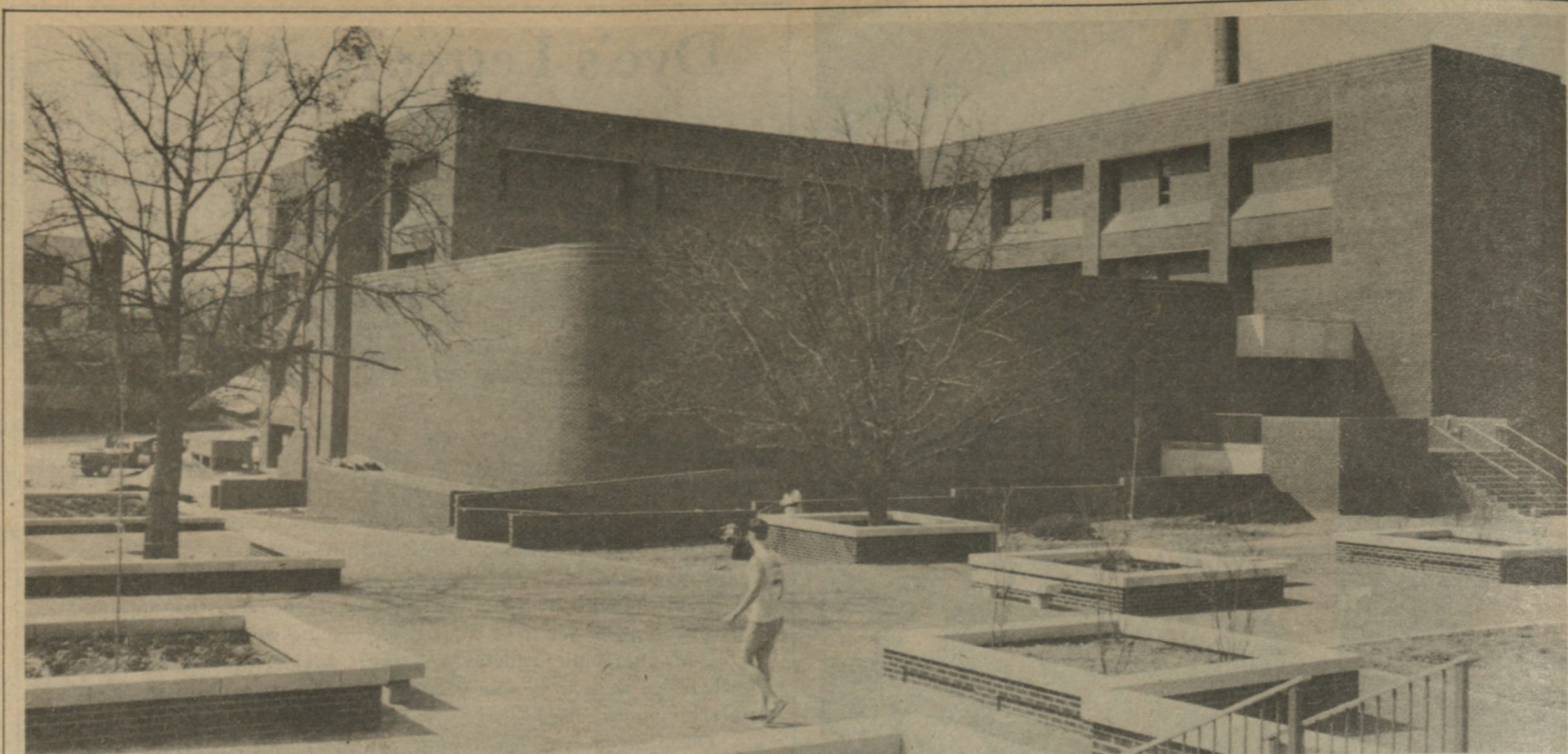
The key to our success has been Auburn and Auburn people.

May it ever be true.

Pat Dye

Head Football Coach  
and Athletic Director





New Electrical Building Approaches Completion—Photo by Jim Killian

# In Memoriam

William C. Alexander '17 of West Memphis, Ark., died July 21, 1981, according to information recently received. He is survived by his wife.

Edmond Hobdy Carter '25 of Panama City, Fla., died March 5. Survivors include his wife, Mae T. Carter; two sons, Tandy W. Carter '50 of San Francisco, Calif., and David W. Carter '54 of Panama City, Fla.; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; six sisters, Mrs. C. C. Nevitt, Mrs. Thomas Mumma, Mrs. Cecil Golson, Mrs. Wheeler McDade, Mrs. Virgil McKinney and Mrs. Billy Flowers, all of Montgomery. Mr. Carter was a native of Montgomery and had lived in Panama City for the past 40 years. He was a retired foreman for the Borden Dairy Company.

Howard Stanley Durden '27 of Montgomery died March 27. Survivors include one sister, Myra Durden, and one brother, William F. Durden, both of Prattville; two nieces, and six great nieces and nephews. He had been a Life Member of the Auburn Alumni Association since 1949.

Junius Julius Pierce '28 of Montgomery died February 2. Survivors include his wife, Hazel H. Pierce; one daughter, Mrs. Joe O'Neal; one son, J. J. Pierce, III; one sister, Mrs. Conrad Cook, and three grandsons, all of Montgomery.

Emma Joe Atkins Lindsey '29 of Athens, retired home demonstration agent in Limestone County, died March 23 at a Huntsville Hospital. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Athens, the Kennagers Senior Group, Delta Zeta National Sorority, Arts and Crafts Club of Athens, Council on Aging, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and the Extension Home Economics Association. Survivors include a son, Phillip Lindsey of Madison; one stepson, Capt. Robert A. Lindsey of Redlands, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Ben Gibbons of Deatsville; and a brother, Eugene Atkins. Mrs. Lindsey had been an Active Member of the Auburn Alumni Association for 25 years.

John S. Scott '34 of Charlotte, N.C., died May 1, 1983. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Eldridge, and two grandchildren, all of Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Scott had been an Active Member of the Auburn Alumni Association for 24 years.

Jack G. Shaw, Jr., '35 of Birmingham died March 17. He was a lifelong resident of Birmingham and was formerly executive vice president of Shaw Warehouse. He was a graduate of Harvard School of Business and Auburn. He was a Life Member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

ciation, a member of First United Methodist Church, Country Club of Birmingham, The Club and many other civic and social organizations. Survivors include his wife, Virginia Oates Shaw; three daughters, Virginia Shaw Johnson of Nashville, Tenn., Bonnie Shaw Bailey of Birmingham, and Molly Shaw Bradley of Auburn; and three sisters, Mrs. D. K. O'Mahoney of Ft. Myers, Fla., Mrs. James Jackson of Eutaw, and Mrs. William B. Elmore of Charlottesville, Va.

Knox S. Long '35 of Gulf Shores died March 21 at Doctors Hospital. Mr. Long was a retired division assistant in the Central Office Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. He served in World War II in the Corps of Engineers, Third Armed Division and retired as a lieutenant colonel. Survivors include his wife, Maxine Downey Long '42 of Gulf Shores; two sons, Knox S. Long, Jr., of Silver Spring, Md., and James D. Long of West Point, Ga.; one daughter, Elizabeth Long Snoddy; and a sister-in-law, Belle Downey of Auburn.

Charles M. Reeves '37 of Lanett died March 17 at Lanett Geriatric Center. Mr. Reeves received his master's from Auburn and also attended Jacksonville State Teachers College. He was principal of the Huguley School from its establishment in 1938 until his retirement in 1957, retiring with 47 years of teaching experience. He was a member of the American Legion Post 67, having served in WWI as a member of the Rainbow Division. He is a past member of the Chambers County Teachers Association, the Alabama Education Association, Woodmen of the World, Huguley Lions Club and was a Master Mason. Survivors include his wife, Mattie Ison Reeves of Lanett; one daughter, Mary Alsobrook also of Lanett; four sons, Charles H. Reeves, Jr., of West Point, Ga., Bobby Reeves of Lumbertown, N.C., Jack Reeves of Monroeville, and Billy Reeves of Lanett; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Marvin H. Scham, DVM, '38 of Baltimore, Md., died on Nov. 28, 1983 of an inoperable brain tumor. His friend Norris O. Burgee writes, "To the credit of the skills which he learned at Auburn and to his own indefatigability and that of his wife, Dr. Scham had established the best animal hospital in Baltimore City." Earlier he had served as a meat inspector for the Armed Services, as an assistant to Dr. Fletcher Vinson in his animal hospital and later worked for Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis as an official veterinarian. After outgrowing the animal hospital he had converted from an abandoned garage, he moved

into a new location which he designed and equipped with the most modern facilities. He is survived by his wife, Frances Margaret Scham.

Harry Smith Thach '39 died April 9 in a New Orleans hospital. Mr. Thach was the youngest and last surviving member of one of Auburn's most prominent families in the earlier decades of this century. He was the son of former Auburn University president, Dr. Charles Thach. Mr. Thach received degrees from Auburn and Johns Hopkins University, worked in government service, teaching Navajo Indians on the reservation at Tuba City, Ariz., until his retirement. Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Richard Page of New Orleans and two nephews, Nathaniel Curtis of New Orleans and Jefferson Hamilton of Wilmington, Del.

J. McCoy Mays '39 of Atmore died March 5. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edith Cruik Mays of Atmore; two sons, Robert William Mays of Atmore, and James Cruik Mays of Richardson, Tex.; one brother, Dr. William Atkins Mays of Long Beach, Calif.; and three grandchildren. Mr. Mays was a Life Member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

Homer E. Lankford, Jr., '45 of Dayton, Ohio, died June 2, 1981. Survivors include his wife, Jean Lankford Thurston of Dayton.

James E. Paseur '47 of Huntsville died Feb. 20, 1984. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army Air Corps. He retired from the United Nations in 1978. He is survived by his wife, Eula Blackburn Paseur; sisters, Ida Maples of Owens Cross Roads, Annie Davis, Esther Maples, and Lila Hatcher, all of New Hope, Dorothy Blackburn of Huntsville, and Virginia Lewis of Albertville; brothers, David Elmer Paseur of Gadsden, George Wiley Paseur of Owens Cross Roads, and Leonard Paseur of Memphis, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews. He was a Life Member of the Auburn Alumni Association.

Major Reece Howell '48 of Birmingham died recently. Mr. Howell was in his second term as president of the East Huntsville Golden Circle, a group serving the elderly. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Reece Howell of Huntsville, and his sister, Mrs. Howard E. Williams of Birmingham.

Davis Alvin Alexander '54 of Montgomery died March 10, 1984. He is survived by his wife, Patricia M. Alexander; four daughters, Lorie Sereneck, Carol Barefoot, Naomi Alexander of Chatman; mother-in-law, Irene Osbourne of England; and two grandchildren.

Finous Hall Smith, DVM, '55 of Vestavia

died March 15. He was a retired naval officer and a veterinarian. Survivors include his wife, Frances Smith; a son, Larry Smith of Stone Mountain, Ga., and a brother, O. B. Smith of Barbour County. He had been an Active Member of the Auburn Alumni Association for 24 years.

Theodore T. Molnar '64 of Columbus, Ga., died May 27, 1980, according to information recently received.

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